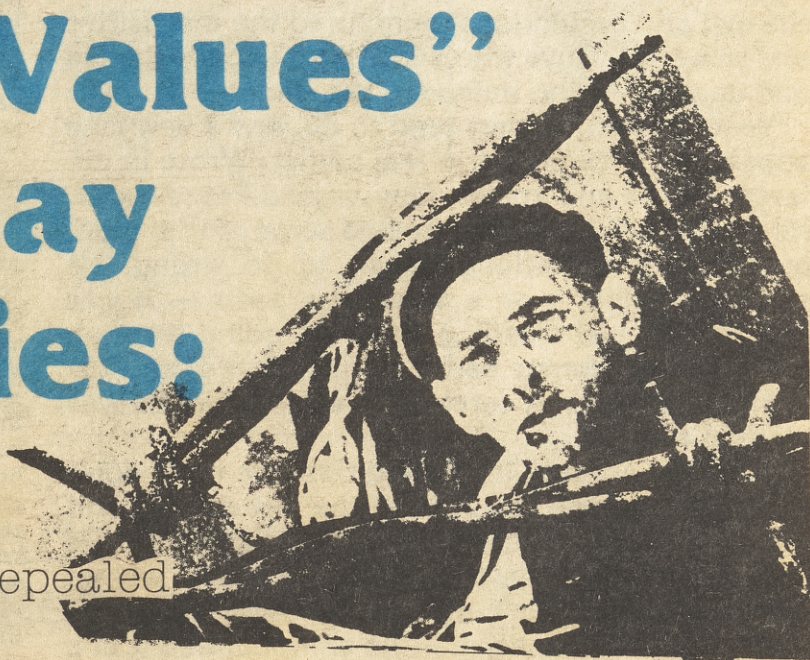


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- Concord, Calif. – AIDS Anti-discrimination repealed
- Irvine, Calif. – Lesbian/gay rights repealed
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WHAT'S TVC'S AGENDA FOR SACRAMENTO???

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Petey, I Hardly Knew Ye

Years ago, back when I was a would-be writer, there were giants in the land. Jimmy Breslin, Pete Hamill, Mike Royko, Nicholas Pileggi — writers who created pictures in your head with the wave of a pen. Tough opinionated, hardcases who withered the evil and pretentious, punctured the insensitive and powerful. Guys who wrote about social justice and quality — who defended the underdog.

Years passed, as they tend to do, and a new face appeared on the scene. A real comer. Wrote in different colors and voices. Guy named Pete Dexter. He could really write and he had some of that giant quality. But something began to go wrong. He couldn't sustain it on a day-to-day basis — it was like he was just treading water — going through the motions. Rumor had it he was bored, and his work began to look careless — almost like he was mailing it in.

In early February he mailed this one in, "I don't think that anyone can look at the last decade and argue that promiscuous gay sex did not take its share of lives." Then to make matters worse, although he couldn't understand how the statement might be offensive — he compounded it in a follow-up column — after all he was just intent on defending that poor, defenseless underdog, Andy Rooney. (Rooney was laid off for three months by CBS because of an alleged racist remark which was quoted in an article in *The Advocate*). Dexter claimed that the gay community has been out to get Rooney ever since he made homophobic remarks about "homosexual unions."

This is it Pete, here's a hint. The operative word is "promiscuous." Insulting at the least, judgmental at best. Tars everyone with the same dirty brush.

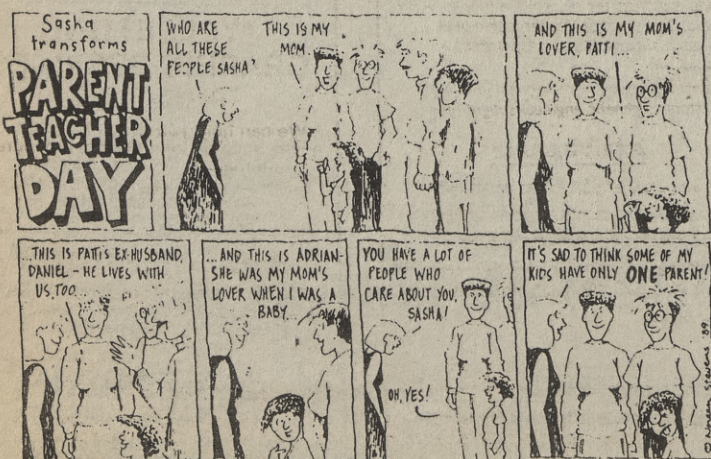
There is no reason for me to belabor the point. The issue was addressed eloquently by the Rev. William Sloane Coffin. He wrote this personal statement in response to the hate campaign against the homosexual community being mounted by the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC): "Promiscuity is a separate issue from that of homosexuality. In any sexual orientation it is cruel and degrading. But heterosexuals bear a special responsibility for the promiscuity of gays. Just as blacks used to be labeled 'shiftless' by whites who made sure there would be no reward for their diligence so heterosexuals call gays 'promiscuous' while denying support for stable gay relationships."

"In short, just as the 'black problem' turned out to be a problem of white racism, just as 'the woman problem' turned out to be a problem of male sexism, so the 'homosexual problem' is really the homophobia of many heterosexuals who just won't grant God the right to a more pluralistic creation. It's bigotry pure and simple."

That's the answer Petey. Too bad, you coulda been a contender! ■

— Marghe Richards
Editor

THE CHOSEN FAMILY



Bar Owner Receives Responses

Dear Editor:

I'm responding to Terry Sidie's letter regarding the unfortunate events at FACES on New Year's Eve. Someone needs to tell this Roy Roger's look-alike to quit grasping for status in the gay community. He is not, and will never be, anything other than proprietor of an overcrowded, seedy gay bar renowned only for the filthiest bathrooms west of the Mississippi.

Gay bars are relics of the days when gays only came to life during the anonymity of the late night hours, to drink their cares away. Mr. Sidie's cowboy attire confirms that he's being held captive somewhere in the last century. The fact that FACES still packs them in, is one clue among many suggesting that the gay community still does not have its act together. I am hopeful, however, FACES clientele represents a small and shrinking fraction of the gay community — that fraction which has not yet found more meaningful and creative uses for its leisure time.

Mr. Sidie says "I believe that you (letterwriter Walter Mueller) were probably at home hiding from the rest of the world. In real life the rest of us are out, living ..." Real life is FACES! Inebriates casting their votes for this year's bearded empress! How convenient. We have to drop a donation into Mr. Sidie's pocket to enter "real life," for the privilege of crowding in the dark, on a sticky floor, buying booze with a 1000 percent markup, to perform the gay mating ritual at 110 decibels. I think "at home hiding," to borrow Mr. Sidie's words, is a hell of a lot more "real" than that, albeit less profitable for him.

I understand Mr. Sidie. He's a small town entrepreneur whose letter in *MGW* is essentially free advertising. But I have yet to understand his faithful flock. Much like Jim and Tammy Baker, I'm sure Mr. Sidie feels vindicated by the crowd of people who line up outside "the temple," anxious to donate.

In character, Mr. Sidie concludes his letter on a condescending, paternal note: "So you see, a few people in our gay community do care ... the rest of us get out and try to make the gay world a little nicer, a little better place to live." There is no "gay world." Just a world. And FACES is a place patrons go to ESCAPE from it. Mr. Sidie goes there to empty the cash register.

D. McDonald

Dear Editor:

I am very happy to see that bar owner Terry Sidie responded to my letter in *MGW*'s last issue. I wanted you to know that I am certainly not the closet case that you think I am.

Also, it does not mean if somebody doesn't spend his time in the only gay dance bar in town that these people are not working with and for the community. Trust me, gay rights haven't been made with a drink in one hand and a pencil in the other one.

I know that those people in our community who are not going every weekend or weekday to bars are the one's who are doing the most for us. I rather spend my time with AIDS patients or the support of the community center than getting

drunk and don't give a damn. As you very well know, drinking is affecting the immune system.

You are absolutely right to try to live in harmony with the straight community. I just think there is a better way to introduce them than the bar scene. If it seems to you that everyone who is not attending the bars is a closet case — this is a very poor opinion — because you know better than that!

Walter F. Mueller

Dear Editor:

We are people who have been living years in the neighborhood surrounding the local gay bars. Most of us are straight ... Walter Mueller moved into our neighborhood five years ago to take care of a few apartment complexes. Since then he has introduced us to a lot of gay rights issues and made us aware of the importance of equal rights for everybody. We have participated in all of the issues, such as the March on Sacramento. As one of the most open and well known gay people in our neighborhood, Mueller has

cleaned out our neighborhood from drug traffic, and by doing so he was severely beaten and once stabbed. We want to let Terry Sidie know: If you want to live in harmony — that's the way to do it.

Yes, Mr. Sidie if you think bar life is community life no wonder that your local paper is always crying out loud in need of volunteers or help in the gay community. We are well aware of these things since Mr. Mueller is supplying us with the local gay papers. He is spending a lot of time helping both of our communities. To be quite frank, Mr. Sidie, community life is seven days a week when you have to face life in bright daylight either at work or at home and not in a dark bar where most people don't know what's going on. If you are so concerned about living in harmony with all of us, why don't you participate in some of the neighborhood watch programs. If you don't know how, ask Mr. Mueller, he has experience. He does not spend his weekends drinking away his concerns.

Hans Huber and neighbors
and friends of the community

Bar Owner Responds

In response to Doug McDonald, I'm not trying to look like Roy Rogers, it's Dale Evans, and I'm afraid I can't go along with his idea that gay bars are a thing of the past. It's unfortunate that you felt the need to criticize my dress, but it is just the way I dress and I'm sorry if that offends you. I'm afraid a lot of my world is centered around my bars and while I constantly try to improve them it seems not enough by your standards. We just finished tiling the bathrooms and I felt they looked nice. I will do more.

Concerning the letter from Hans Huber, I usually do not spend the weekends in my bar drinking, if I do, however, it's my business and I don't feel that my customers go there just to escape, they go to enjoy themselves.

I'm rather proud of my bars and enjoy my customers. If we're a dying breed then I'll just go with them thank you. Obviously, my security, my additional lights and all my efforts to contribute a portion of my earnings to charities (Hope

House, AIDS Foundation); I believe Empress Randy and I were the ones who assisted the Rev. Jerry Sloan in the direction of the Lambda Community Center and I was willing to back the rent until it paid its own way.

I try not to get involved in politics or religion because it can interfere with business and my main businesses are my bars.

I like the bar business and attempt to run it as I see most successful gay bars in the country run. Please believe that I am not getting rich here, I'm just making a living and I enjoy my life just that way. I regret that in one year I'm given a Humanitarian Award and the next year I'm cut to the core by individuals that I do not even know.

I will continue just as I have (cowboy hat and all) and I will try to come around to the standards of those of you who imagine me different!

Small Town Cowboy
Terry Sidie

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TVC Protested in Walnut Creek

by Marghe Richards
OF MGW STAFF

"Act Up! We're here! We're rude, pro-choice and queer!" The chant echoed through the night-empty streets in Walnut Creek as a coalition of lesbian/gay/bisexual, anti-racist and abortion rights groups surged out of the BART station to counter-demonstration against the Traditional Values Coalition at Walnut Creek City Hall. They also were protesting TVC's campaign of anti-gay bigotry and AIDS hysteria which led to the defeat of a lesbian/gay rights ordinance in Irvine and the repeal of the AIDS anti-discrimination ordinance (Prop. D) in Concord. The group arrived at the city hall/police station only to find that TVC had cancelled their meeting at the last minute, but despite the cold, the enthusiastic crowd of approximately 175 people held their rally and teach-in anyway — under the watchful eyes of the Walnut Creek police.

Police spokesperson Lt. Van Horst was calm and polite as he spoke with demonstration organizer Randi Gerson. He affirmed the group's legal right to assemble and only required that the street not be blocked. "You have the right to legally protest," he said, "but you can't be out in the street. This is not San Francisco. We have limited resources here." As he spoke, the demonstrators set up a podium and speakers began to address the crowd. Sara Diamond, author of the book *Spiritual Warfare* and an expert on the religious right was one of the speakers.

Sacramento's Rev. Jerry Sloan spoke to the group to tell them about Sacramento's March 12 and 13 protests against TVC and to invite them to join the effort. Sloan and three members of the newly formed Town Council's Rally Committee were warmly greeted and thanked for being there by members of the various groups, many of whom promised to be in Sacramento for the March protests.

Concord/Contra Costa County Act-Up, Act-Up/East Bay, Act-Up San Francisco, Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue (BACAOR), and the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee were sponsors of the event. The audience also included the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco-Bay Area (GLAAD), the Freedom From Religion

Foundation, Refuse & Resist!, the Information Network Against War and Fascism and several other groups.

Banners and signs were everywhere, "TVC = Typical Vicious Contras," "Stop the Religious Right" and other slogans were held up on picket signs. Gerson's statement, "We are demonstrating to put these fascist right-wing bigots on notice that our rights are not negotiable," seemed to sum up the feelings for the night.

It seemed that one moment the air was alive with flashing banners, noise and bodies and the next moment the streets were silent with just the echo of the chant, "TVC ran away — racist, sexist anti-gay! TVC ran away — racist, sexist, anti-gay," hanging like a mournful cry over the deserted plaza. ■

NGLTF Seeks Data for Annual Violence Report

Know of any "gay-bashing" or anti-gay and lesbian defamation that happened last year? The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is urging local activists and organizations to provide documentation on harassment and violence for its "1989 Anti-Gay Violence, Victimization & Defamation Report."

In recent weeks, NGLTF sent questionnaires seeking statistics on anti-gay and lesbian hate crimes to 375 campus groups, 250 Metropolitan Community Churches, and 150 other organizations, including community-based groups and police and human relations departments, including **MGW Newspaper** and **Lambda Center**.

The survey collects information on a variety of anti-gay incidents, including harassment, threats and menacing actions, bomb threats, physical assaults and thrown objects, vandalism, police verbal and physical abuse, arson, homicide and others.

NGLTF's hate crime surveys reveal the pervasiveness of anti-gay and lesbian violence across America. In the 1988 report, 7,248 incidents were reported.

"We cannot remedy injustice if we do not make it visible," said Kevin Berrill, NGLTF anti-violence project director.

Deadline is mid-March. Call Lambda Center. ■

Counter-Demonstration in D.C. Against Sheldon, CTV

by Lisa Meeker
OF MGW STAFF

Washington, D.C. — Between 500-750 lesbians and gays and members of other civil rights groups held a press conference, rally and march in response to the Coalition for Traditional Values. The CTV was holding a symposium entitled "The National Task Force for the Preservation of the Heterosexual Ethic."

After the rally, the group marched to the hotel where the symposium was being held, and sealed its main entrance. After more impromptu rallying, they held a candlelight vigil in memory of the victims of anti-gay hate crimes.

The CTV and its chief, the Rev. Louis Sheldon, have actively opposed attempts to advance

political and legal rights for lesbians and gays, notably in San Francisco (with the domestic partnership referendum which lost in November 1989) and in Irvine (with the repeal of the gay and lesbian civil rights ordinance).

In the press conference before the rally and march, Ivy Young, director of NGLTF's Family Project, addressed some of the contradictions in the CTV's stance regarding family, and stated in summary, "Threats to the American family do not come from the desire of lesbians and gay men to create loving relationships. No, the threat to the family is poverty and economic injustice, ignorance and inadequate education, homelessness and hunger. Let Mr. Sheldon and the Coalition for Traditional Values put what energy they have into combating these scourges of American Family life. We would all benefit from that agenda." ■

CBS Suspends Rooney After Gay Remarks

by Lisa Meeker
OF MGW STAFF

In response to complaints that he made remarks offensive to gays and blacks, CBS has suspended Andy Rooney for three months without pay or a guarantee of work at the end of that time period.

During a TV special in December, Rooney allegedly made remarks about gays which brought an onslaught of criticism. After two meetings between senior CBS executives and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Rooney has apologized for those remarks.

The alleged racist remarks were made during an unrecorded telephone interview with Chris Bull of *The Advocate*, the L.A.-based national gay

newspaper. Rooney has categorically denied having made racist comments, implying that he was misinterpreted. Bull stands by the accuracy of the story which was printed in the February 27 issue of *The Advocate*.

CBS News President David Burke released a statement after his meeting with Rooney, saying that "CBS news cannot tolerate such remarks ... since they in no way reflect the views of this organization."

While pleased that CBS has suspended Rooney, assistant director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance says, "We wonder why CBS didn't act more definitively when the issue was only homophobia. I don't believe it's a coincidence that the day after allegations of racism appear in the press, CBS acts definitively." ■

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(One award)
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by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Record Increase in Cases...

During 1989, 35,238 cases of AIDS were reported in the United States, compared to 32,196 the previous year, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control. Fifty-six percent occurred among homosexual and bisexual men, at a rate approximately 36 percent slower than in previous years thanks to the success of prevention programs, the effect of treatments that delay progression of HIV, and also, unfortunately, due to a possible decrease in official reporting of cases. Twenty-three percent occurred last year among heterosexual IV drug users. AIDS cases increased by 16 percent among blacks, by 28 percent among Hispanics, and by 46 percent among Asians and other minorities. The largest decline occurred among children infected through receipt of transfusions; these cases may have now leveled off thanks to blood screening that began in 1985. In California 6,732 new cases were reported last year compared to 5,983 in 1988. There were 5,052 deaths in 1989 compared to 3,980 deaths the year before. Nearly 9,000 Californians currently have AIDS, and in Sacramento County 442 cases diagnosed since 1981 have resulted in 176 deaths.

Needle Exchanges...

New York City will scrap its needle exchange program for drug abusers as politicians argue that it didn't draw enough participants to test its scientific premise.

Bush Declines...

President Bush has declined an invitation to deliver a speech at the 6th International AIDS Conference scheduled in San Francisco this June. The conference also faces a growing boycott protesting travel and visa restrictions. The United States is one of only a few nations that denies tourist visas to people with HIV.

Toddlers No Risk to Others...

A CDC study of 89 household members living with 25 HIV-infected children shows that no household member has tested positive for HIV despite children biting one another and being generally nonhygienic (they have lots of runny noses and soiled diapers, and they chew on everything in sight).

Dating Services...

South Carolina has introduced a bill requiring dating services to test clients and employees for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Finally, Vacaville Desegregation?...

A federal magistrate recently approved a settlement aimed at desegregating HIV-infected inmates at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville.

Fluconazole for Candida...

Pfizer Pharmaceuticals said it will give more than 6,000 free bottles of this new FDA-approved drug to 200 major cancer and AIDS treatment centers in the country.

Vaccine Testing...

Walter Reed Army Medical Center recently signed an agreement with MicroGeneSys for a large test of an HIV vaccine. Trials with a smaller group of about 30 have been underway since April.

Gay/Bi Outreach...

The Gay/Bisexual Outreach Program of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation has recently begun its third year of operation, says Program Coordinator Joe Chase. Thus far, the service has reached over 23,000 men in Sacramento through the Buddy Connection and other safe sex workshops. Joe says he's most concerned about reinforcement of safe behavior. "Safe sex is like dieting — sometimes people slip up; and one slip is all it takes to become infected. We want to make sure that these men are protecting themselves EVERY TIME they have sex."

CD4 Trials...

Researchers are reporting that the first round of trials on CD4, which lures HIV from healthy cells, has proven the drug to be safe.

Short Marijuana Test...

The Texas PWA named Steve who, three weeks ago, became the first person to legally use marijuana as a painkiller, died this week after a 2½ year battle with the government to get this right for himself and for others.

Get Tested!...

It's estimated by the Centers for Disease Control that about one million Americans are infected with HIV. It's also estimated that fewer than 14 percent know they have it.

New SF Health Leader...

Dr. Sandra Hernandez, 32, has been named to head the San Francisco Department of Public Health's AIDS office, replacing Dr. George Rutherford, who is the new chief of the infectious disease branch of the state Department of Health. She says there will be more emphasis on early intervention and getting out of the catastrophe-oriented atmosphere.

Thank you to Dr. Sandy Pomerantz for his continuing medical oversight of the information provided on the HIV Newsline and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for continually providing current medical information for use in this column. ■

HIV Resources

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

- 1) HIV Positive Support Group, first and third Wednesday, 8 pm, CARES Clinic, 443-3299.
- 2) Positive Social Support Newsletter, \$7, ARC/AIDS, \$12 others, bimonthly, call PSSN at 442-0185 or 447-5925.
- 3) Emotional and practical support, education on safe sex (Buddy Connection workshops), getting and staying well for those who are HIV-free or HIV-positive, call Sacramento AIDS Foundation, M-F, 9-5, 448-2437.
- 4) AIDS Response Programs (STOP AIDS, Being Alive, other support and education get-togethers), call Lambda Community Center, 442-0185.
- 5) Support for Partners, Family, Friends, Significant Others, Mondays 6-8, Sharon Hartley and Charla Wistos, 454-1655.
- 6) Anonymous testing for HIV, Capitol Health Center, Wednesday and Thursday, 8-5, call for appointment, 440-7720.
- 7) Confidential testing and Drug Treatment, Aquarian Effort, call for appointment, 446-6467.
- 8) Bereavement Support Group for family of those who have died of AIDS, Thursday, 7 p.m., Lutheran Church of our Redeemer, call 483-5691.
- 9) MCC People Together, Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30, Metropolitan Community Church, call 454-4762.
- 10) HIV Positives Latino Support Group, every other Monday, 6 p.m., call AIDS Foundation at 448-2437.
- 11) AIDS Foundation Video Tape Library: Over 75 tapes available on various aspects of health care, infections, etc. Call Connie Garver at 448-2437 to arrange for overnight checkout (\$50 deposit required), or to arrange time to drop by Foundation for free viewing.
- 12) HIV Negatives, partner support group, every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30-9 p.m., Lambda Community Center (2nd floor), 442-0185.

MGW MOM...GUESS WHAT!

HIV and AIDS: Guide for living together

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Neither HIV nor AIDS is spread through casual contact. They are transmitted from person to person only through blood, semen, and vaginal fluids. This can occur only (1) through sexual practices where body fluids are exchanged, (2) by sharing needles used for tattooing, injecting drugs, etc., (3) by receiving contaminated blood — which rarely happens now because of extensive screening of donated blood, or (4) from mother to unborn child in the uterus or possibly during delivery, and occasionally through mother's milk when breastfeeding.

It is perfectly safe to touch Kaposi's sarcoma lesions and, in fact, people with KS probably need an extra hug from time to time. Health care and law enforcement workers, for their own safety, must assume that everyone they come in contact with — especially on an emergency basis and under circumstances in which differentiating between fluid types is difficult, if not impossible — has a transmissible disease. For this reason, they take special care (gloves, masks, or other precautions such as protective clothing, or eyewear) when exposed to blood and other body fluids that may contain blood such as amniotic fluid (in the uterus), pericardial fluid (heart), peritoneal fluid (abdomen), synovial fluid (tendons), cerebrospinal fluid (brain and spinal column), pleural fluid (lungs), semen, and vaginal secretions, or any other body fluid visibly covered with blood.

Studies have shown that the possibility of transmission of HIV through bites, saliva, or CPR is remote, but caregivers may often wear CPR masks that prevent saliva or vomitus from entering their mouth. HIV is not transmitted through other body fluids that you may come in contact with such as tears, perspiration, feces, nasal secretions, sputum, urine, or vomitus.

It is perfectly safe for anyone to live with a person with HIV or AIDS:

- It's OK to share the kitchen or bathroom provided you don't share your toothbrush, razor, enema equipment, sex toys, or anything that might have come in contact with blood, semen or vaginal fluid. Towels and wash cloths should not be shared without laundering between use by different people.
- It's OK to share cooking and food preparation chores, provided everyone washes their hands thoroughly first. ("Washing hands" means that each part of the hand — each finger, tops and bottoms of hands, under nails — receives friction and a thorough rubbing with soap before rinsing.) There is no need to separate dishes or cooking utensils, but it is important to wash them in hot soapy water between each use to make sure that no agents may be infectious to the person with HIV or AIDS, such as salmonella, remain behind to grow. Do not use the same sponge to clean countertops as you use to clean dishes.
- Growth of bacteria, fungus or molds in the refrigerator, in the kitchen or bathroom on countertops, floors, tubs or shower stalls should be prevented; clean with bleach at least once a week. Bleach kills HIV. Household

bleach is a good disinfectant to use; it isn't necessary to use expensive "tile cleaner" products. Mix one part bleach to nine parts water. This is a case when more is not better. Full-strength bleach will seal itself around bacteria and protect it from being removed by the sponge; the 1-to-9 mixture allows removal of bacteria from the surface and cleans the area at the same time.

- People with AIDS-related diseases should not drink unpasteurized milk or eat unpasteurized milk products because they can cause a very serious salmonella infection. Cook beef, fish, and pork to medium or more: salmonella bacteria live in rare-cooked foods. Organically grown food (composted with human or animal feces) should be cooked or be fruits that can be peeled. "Organic" lettuce is not safe and should not be used.
- The risk of disease transmission from soiled bedclothes is negligible. Nonetheless, if caring for a PWA who is very ill, and coming into contact with linens

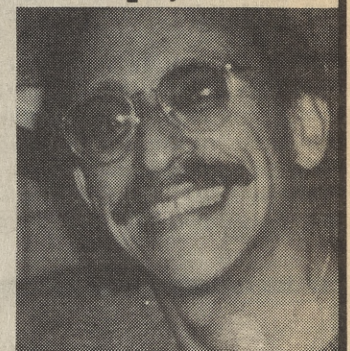
that may be soiled with contaminated organisms, wear gloves and then wash after they are removed, even if gloves appear to be intact (soap in dispensers is best to use when washing often). Handle the linen as little as possible to avoid contaminating the air, and then launder according to normal wash cycles.

- When cleaning the bird cage, fish tank, or cat litter box, people with AIDS-related disease should wear disposable plastic gloves or, better yet, have someone else do it because of the danger of airborne diseases: bird cages carry the danger of Psittacosis, cat litter boxes the danger of Toxoplasmosis, and fish tanks may contain organisms of the Mycobacterium family.
- Keep living quarters well ventilated; airborne diseases are less likely to be a problem when diluted with lots of air.

It is perfectly safe for a person with HIV or AIDS to live with YOU, provided you remember that their immune system is depress-

ed. If you have a severe cold, you'd be doing them a great favor to live in separate quarters until you no longer have wet excretions: runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing, coughing, or anything of this nature. This goes for lovers, parents, and friends. Help those in your life dealing with HIV or AIDS stay healthy: don't contaminate them! ■

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High School Protects Gays

Chicago — A Chicago high school board has adopted discrimination protections for gay and lesbian students following a seven-month fight with fundamentalist Christians. The board voted unanimously to add the phrase "sexual orientation" to its Human Dignity and Diversity Policy. At one public hearing more than 400 people argued about the policy for four hours. The Christians blanketed the city with anti-gay leaflets and took out large ads in newspapers charging the board with endorsing homosexuality and opening the door for gay proms, gay curricula and gay awareness month. The board president told reporters, "Frankly, I was a little surprised at the vehemence of the opposition and the distortions."

— Philadelphia Gay News

Gay, Lesbian And Bisexual Youth Conference

Seattle — The Seattle Commission on Children and Youth held a full day conference for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth. Staff director for the commission said the conference was a huge success with over 140 people in attendance. ■

— Seattle Gay News

Danes Meet With Soviet Gays

Denmark — Masquerading as an artistic group eight Danish gay men and one lesbian spent two weeks in Moscow as part of an entourage of 4,000 Scandinavian youths taking part in an intercultural exchange program. They made the acquaintance of about 25 gay men. They also took along a translation of Denmark's new gay marriage law, which shocked the Soviets. ■

— Philadelphia Gay News

No Sympathy for Troubled Youth

Washington, D.C. — Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan has announced that the parts of a recent HHS report on teen suicide which are sympathetic to the plight of young lesbians and gays do not in any way represent my personal beliefs or the policy of this department ... I am strongly committed to advancing traditional family values. In my opinion the views expressed in the paper run contrary to that aim."

— Windy City Times

NGRA Stands Up for Right to Die

Washington, D.C. — National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), a gay civil rights law firm, has filed a "friend of the court" brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a family who wishes to terminate the life support of a comatose woman. "This case has obvious implications for people with AIDS and their loved ones, who may have to make similar decisions," said a spokesperson for NGRA.

— Windy City Times

Faculty Votes Against ROTC

Madison, Wisconsin — The faculty at the University of Wisconsin voted 386-248 to petition the university's Board of Regents to kick ROTC off campus unless the military rescinds its policy prohibiting homosexuals from serving in the armed forces. The recommendation is not binding on the board, and there is no indication how they will react to the faculty vote. The vote was taken at a faculty congress that was called to vote on the proposal and bypass the Faculty Senate.

— Philadelphia Gay News

Operator Fired Over "Kill Queers" Message

Washington, D.C. — The owner of an office building fired a computer operator after determining he entered a message on the building's outdoor electronic information board stating, "HELP STAMP OUT AIDS NOW: KILL ALL QUEERS AND JUNKIES." The owner said, "I was shocked and appalled when I learned of this. I absolutely apologize to the gay community."

— The Washington Blade

Women's Groups View Lesbian Issues As A Low Priority

Washington, D.C. — In a survey of 12 national women's organizations The Washington Blade newspaper found that while more women's groups now voice support for lesbian rights, only a handful back that up with action. Of the groups which responded, only one employs a full-time staff person devoted to lesbian issues — the National Organization for Women. ■

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Has Coors Changed?

New York — Manhattan's major newspaper for lesbians has announced that it is joining a "growing list of gay and lesbian publications from across the nation" in accepting paid advertising from local distributors of Coors products. Publisher/Editor Jean Sidebottom detailed her view that the objections to Coors which led to the original boycott have been settled: the company did negotiate with the AFL-CIO (which then called off its boycott); Coors initiated an equal opportunity policy explicitly including sexual orientation; Coors has replaced the company which conducts its lie-detector test and now asks no questions about sexual orientation; and Peter Coors has replaced Joseph Coors as CEO and has spent considerable sums to assist gay and lesbian and AIDS groups and is attempting to provide advertising support for gay publications.

— Windy City Times

GLAAD Mad at Dr. Joyce Brothers

Los Angeles — The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is mad at syndicated advice columnist Dr. Joyce Brothers for the misinformation that she has distributed in two recent columns. Asked by a reader if there was genetic component to homosexuality, Brothers replied, "No one knows exactly what ingredients create a homosexual, although a poor relationship with the father is often a factor." This opening sentence has a very negative tone, especially since theories about relationships with parents causing homosexuality have been largely discredited.

— Frontiers

PFLAG Campaigns For Hate-Crimes Act

Washington — Parents Federation of Parents and Friends of

Lesbians and Gays activists from around the country have sent more than 1,500 post cards to Capitol Hill in support of the pending Hate-Crimes Statistics Act. The legislation is currently stalled in the Senate where Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) is threatening to attach anti-gay amendments to the bill.

— Frontiers

Storming the Heart of Dixie

Atlanta, Georgia — Over 300 gay and lesbian activists converged on the Georgia State House on the opening day of the 1990 legislative session to call for the repeal of that state's sodomy law. Sixty-three demonstrators were arrested. The protest was sponsored by a number of groups. Sodomy laws "prohibit" private consensual acts between consenting adults in 25 states. In seven of the states, the laws are limited to same-sex partners. In five states, sodomy law repeal efforts are currently under way.

— Philadelphia Gay News

Sexual Orientation Added to City Contract Language

Philadelphia — The Philadelphia city contract compliance language has been amended to add sexual orientation as a protected category. Language is now consistent with the city's Fair Practices Ordinances which outlaws discrimination against gays and lesbians in housing, employment and public accommodations. The amendment followed a memo of instruction by Mayor Wilson Goode.

— Philadelphia Gay News

Eight-Foot Penis

Washington, D.C. — After the Corcoran Gallery of Art canceled an exhibit of photographs last June because of concern that members of Congress might object to its erotic content, three women artists erected an eight-foot papier-mache penis in front of the gallery. The penis sculpture is draped with an American flag and is holding aloft a bottle of urine and a cross. All three artists agreed that some of their classmates would probably experience "penis envy" as a result of their success of erecting a monument to the arts.

— The Washington Blade

Koop Says Reagan Aides Stifled Him

Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said that early in the AIDS epidemic he was told by a senior Reagan administration official that the disease "was not one of my assignments; I was not to talk about AIDS." He refused to name the official but said he may disclose his identity in a book he is writing. In an interview published this month, Koop said that his orders to remain quiet lasted through Reagan's first term. "The ultra-conservative advisors told Reagan, 'This is a filthy subject, Mr. President, don't get near it.'" He said that kind of bad advice is heard in the Bush administration. As an example, he cited "a very explicit but not vulgar pamphlet on how to use condoms" that is "right at this moment ... languishing in the Office of Public Affairs of the Secretary of Health and Human Services."

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Sugar with Spice, by Kieran, Banned Books, Edward-Williams Publishing Co. This, a collection of short fiction, is an epicurean delight by an author that has written everything from detective novels to TV scripts. This book is an experience not to be missed. From Sweet to Spicy to Bittersweet, Kieran has produced a treasure chest of delicious delicacies. This assortment of short stories, geared to the lesbian-at-heart, has something for everyone.

Mystery, tragedy, comedy, and life's moments, liberally sprinkled with sex, this book is an impressive testament to the gifts and skills of a talented writer. In a few lines, Kieran brings a character to life, paints a scene, and shapes emotions. Her subject matter and style are rich and varied. Don't be surprised if some of these stories seem to have been taken from your own experiences.

At this point, I must be honest and confess to you that I usually hate short stories. Don't miss this book!!! (Available at Lioness Books). ■

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Leigh Rutledge has published two previous books on the subject of homophile history. *The Gay Book of Lists and Unnatural Quotations*. Now with his third, *The Gay Fireside Companion*, he finishes up this series in a grand way. Listing every subject of any possible interest to the gay and lesbian community, Rutledge gives detailed descriptions and background on a variety of people and events.

Going from absinthe (a yellowish-green liqueur favored by many 19th-century "aesthetes") to Prince Felix Yussoupov (a bisexual Russian nobleman who helped assassinate Rasputin in 1916), in 286 pages, Rutledge entertains as he enlightens. Some of the more engrossing topics include: the first U.S. YMCA (Boston, 1851); the greatest Mexican male impersonator (Conchita Jurado, 1864-1961); the homophobic rock group Guns n' Roses (Axle Rose is quoted as being "pro-heterosexual"); how actor John Gielgud was denied entrance into the United States because he had been convicted on a gay-sex charge in 1953; Harvey Fierstein on drag ("You get a nice dress, shoes to match, and a purse. If you pick the right gloves, you're a drag queen."); Morton Downey, a close friend of the community

(fehl) stating publicly that "the anus is an exit, not an entrance," as well as eight years in the history of the AIDS epidemic, 1981-88, chapter-and-verse, horrific detail upon detail.

There is also the witty description of three giraffes turning gay in a Taiwan zoo in 1985 and the semi-serious exploration of early gay graffiti in Egypt, Greece, and Rome, in addition to more contemporary writing found on bathroom walls from San Francisco and New York.

There is a lot of information in this book. It's the ultimate guide for the would-be gay scholar, a book good for browsing and picking through, at one's leisure; so much better than merely moaning about the current state of gay literature. And trust me that there is joy, as well as importance, in learning about our own people's background. After all, a people with no history will learn no lessons for use in the future. And knowing who our enemies have been (and continue to be) is just as important as the positive lessons and images of history. By naming those who have publicly denounced our community, Rutledge gives us ammunition to use against them.

It is possible that some of the arcane information in this book will not be of interest to all readers, but remember that even an encyclopedia cannot sustain interest indefinitely; one dips in whenever mood or need calls. And God knows we can all use appropriate quips and quotes at those special cocktail parties or church functions where the well-placed bop mot can be a helpful career boost, or, perhaps, of use in some elaborate seduction.

So, is this long, entertaining book for you? Sure, if you are the inquiring type and enjoy knowledge for its own sake. Rutledge has a swift, smooth, readable style and he's done the rest of us a big favor by having plundered books, articles (and whatever else he could lay his hands on) in his search for the perfect Gay Fact. ■



Gay Limericks

There was a young fellow of King's
Who was weary of women and things.
Said he, "My desire
Is a boy from the choir,
With an ass like Jello on springs?"

A randy young gay from north Wimley
Was reproached for not acting quite primly
Said he, "Lord above,
I know sex isn't love
But it's such an attractive facsimile."

Said a playwright and poet named Wilde
Whose life and good name were reviled,
"What on earth was the harm? No one
twisted their arm —
And not one of the boys is with child!"

— Excerpted from *The Gay Fireside Companion*
by Leigh Rutledge

Last Words of Famous Gay Men

English critic and biographer Lytton Strachey (died in Hungerford, England, 1932): "If this is dying, then I don't think much of it."

Russian author Nikolai Gogol (died in Moscow, 1852): Hallucinating on this deathbed, "The ladder! Quick, pass me the ladder!"

French author Marcel Proust (died in Paris, 1922): "Mother ..."

U.S. poet Hart Crane (died in the middle of the Caribbean Sea, 1932): "Goodbye, everybody!"

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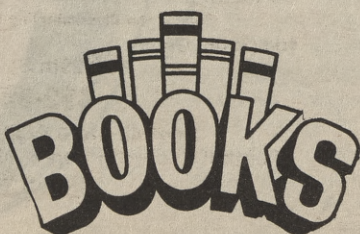
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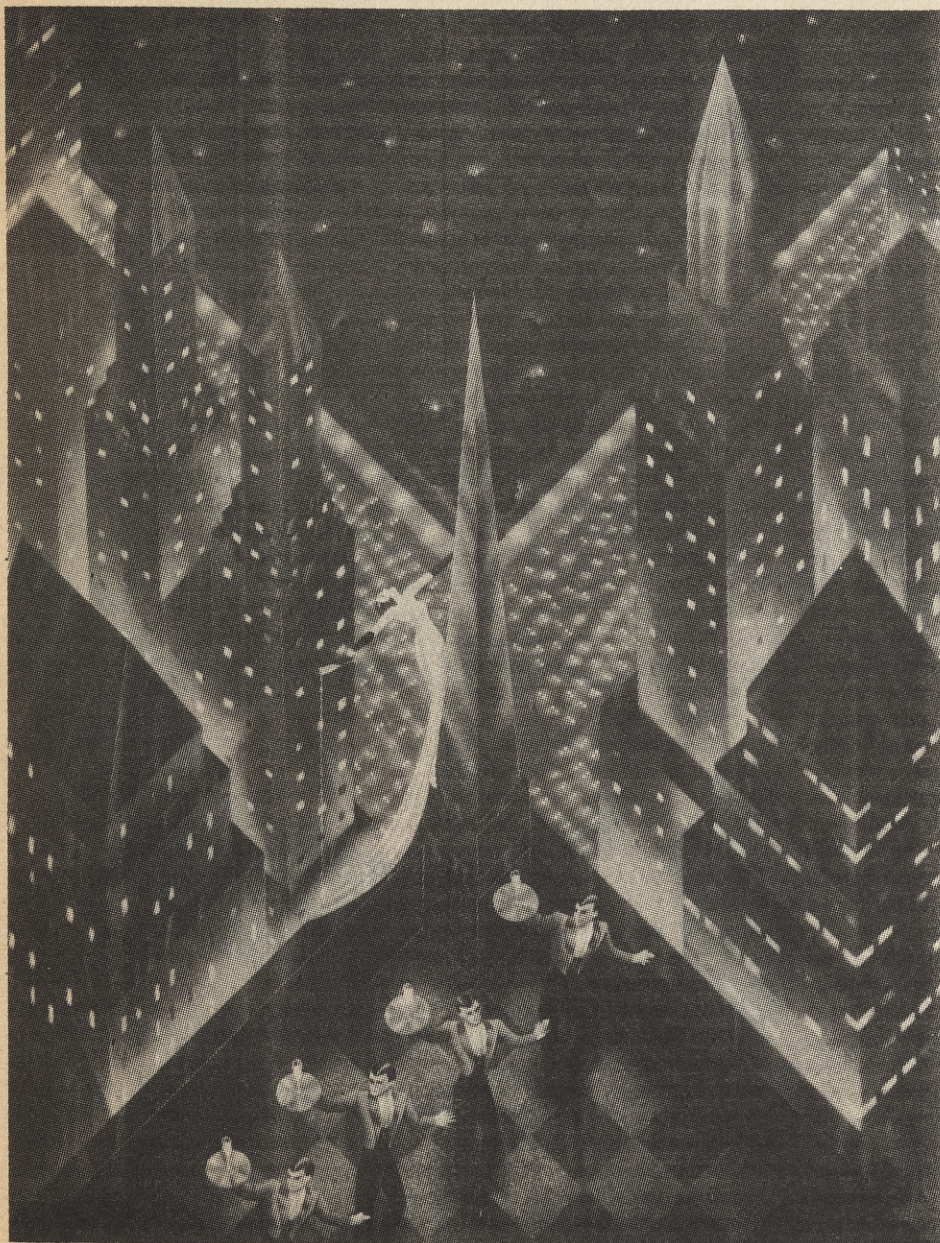
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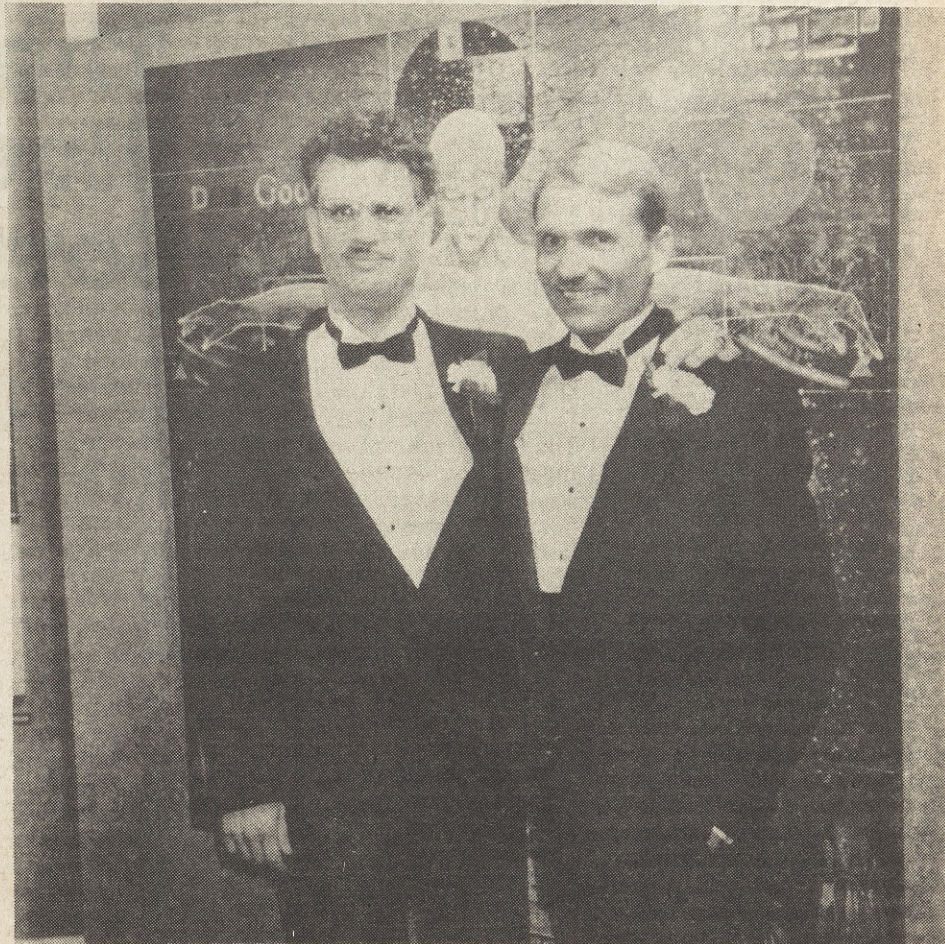
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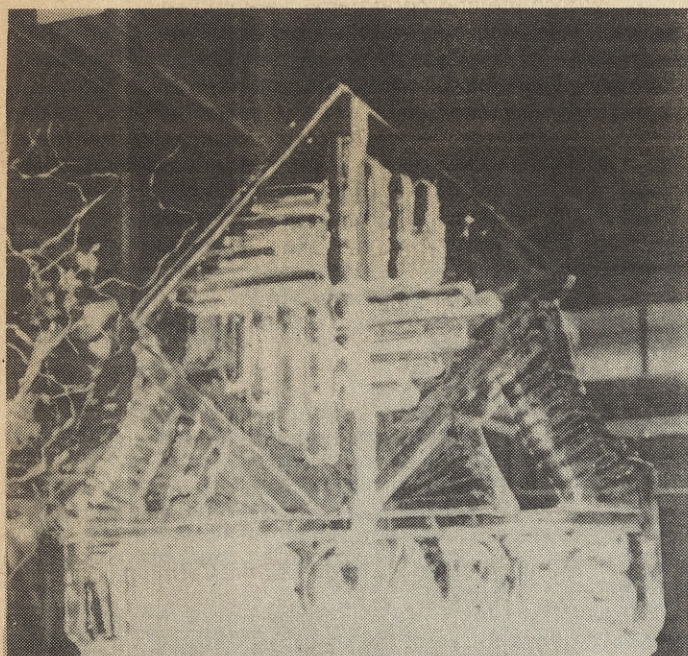
"Champagne For Madame" by Robert Hoppe

ARTISTS: Kerry Sutton, Robert Hoppe for CARES

Tower Gallery was full to capacity with tuxedoed men and sparkled women supporting CARES Center for AIDS Research Education and Services. Kerry Sutton, a local artist battling AIDS himself, spotlighted his striking artwork, along with the late Robert Hoppe's art deco paintings.



Michael Campbell from CARES and Artist Kerry Sutton



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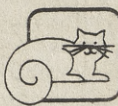
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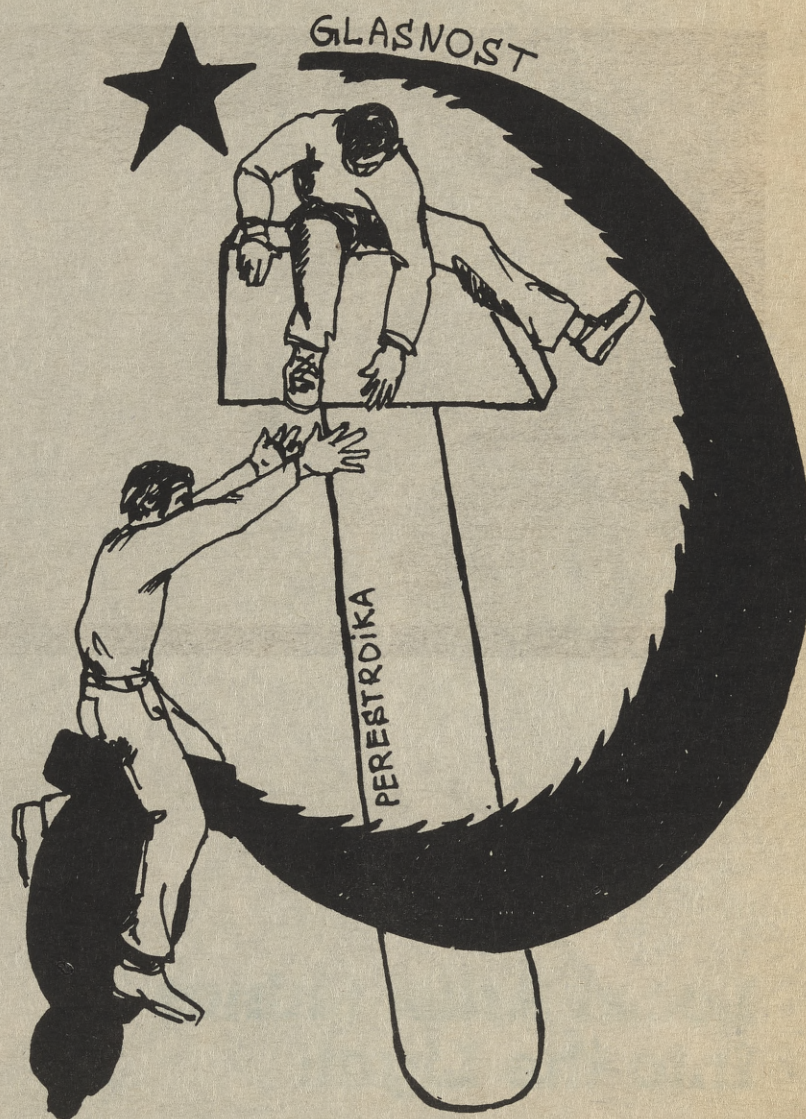
If my humble effort contributes to the benefit of your paper, the veil of unknown will go a little bit up and your country will be able to understand the Soviet Union better.

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The Blue Soviets

by Peter Wilson
INTERN FOR MGW



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Moscow, fall 1989.

-Hi, can I sit here?
-I haven't bought the bench...
-Hm. Do you care for a cigarette?
-Nicotine is harmful for one's health...
-Yes, sure, they say so. Of course. But I've got Marlboro's.
-Persistence is a very bad trait...
-Oh, I'm sorry. Excuse me for being nosy, but... have you put on his BLUE sweatshirt just by mere chance?
-There were no other colors in the store...
-I see. Things happen. Industry. By the way, why are you trembling so all over you?
-I'm cold tonight, you know, and parents are in the country tonight, you know, and it's getting dark, you know...
-Wow, hm. Relax, bud. I know, bud, I know better than you do!

You wouldn't be surprised now to hear this kind of ambiguous conversation in Moscow or in Leningrad, in Kiev or in Tallin. Perestroika and Glasnost (restructuring and openness) move and shake the Soviet society, and in the heady process of openness, sanctimonious Soviets have started noticing people who do not fit into the glorious traditional image of the "constructor of Communism." As it turned out, one bright sunny day, the Soviet international hotels happen to be filled with well-dressed, attractive women who insist on charging for their attractiveness. Drug addicts are visible not only in American movies shown in Russian but also in the park across the movie-house; the black market budget is bigger than some of the branches of Soviet industry; juvenile delinquents harass even central Moscow streets when more moderate youngsters indulge themselves in rock, rap, pop,

metal, leather and other new Western manias and fads.

The all-penetrating Soviet Public Opinion (a very active social body — should be capitalized) has suddenly noticed that some men show strange indifference toward the opposite sex. These young men have been quiet, they have been trying to keep a low profile, but — too bad — Glasnost came. The Public Opinion, in a devastating attempt to sear Soviet conscience, decided to bring everything to light. The Soviet people must discuss deficiencies, and the turn came for gays... Well, if the subject has to be discussed — let's. So, who are they, Soviet gays?

Golubie (Blues, Blue guys). Pedarasts. Peds. Homos. Mashkas. Of many synonyms relating to the same group of people the most popular is blues. Do not associate this term with a musical trend. This is a plural animate noun. The Russian language offers more flexibility in the tricky business of word invention. An adjective in the English language can rarely be translated into a plural noun, whereas in Russian you can do whatever you want — with the language. Exact translation of the Russian term is Blues (like Red — communist, Reds — communists). Nobody knows why the name of this tender color got attached to the gay community in the USSR, but both gays and straights liked the expression, which soon rooted into a tradition.

A few months ago the eager Soviet Public Opinion at last got what it is long desired. A new documentary film highlighted obscure facts on Soviet behavior, homosexuality including. The movie was followed by an article in the central youth newspaper on the same subject. The topic was opened, but stopped — no more information.

The mass media in the Soviet Union are strictly centralized and only authorized material can be published. So now you may judge for yourself what a great revelation, or even a revolution of conscience was signified by that film and article.

Of course the Soviet public is not as naive as a baby. Nobody speaks openly about gays in the USSR, but they exist. Soviet subculture is rich in "unspeakable" matters — anecdotes, jokes, stories, traditions and simply observations. Many of them directly deal with gay issues.

Most probably the first known blue guy in Russia was Prince Yuri. In the twelfth century he married a Georgian tsarina Tamara. (Georgia at that time was a powerful military state.) While reading the textbook, the inquisitive Soviet high-school student wonders, why the Prince, all of a sudden, had to divorce the tsarina. The answer doesn't lie in the Machiavellian intrigues of the medieval Georgia courtiers. Prince Yuri was caught red-handed seducing his guards, a misdemeanor which caused his exile from the Georgian court. The second famous blue guy was Dantez — the duel murderer of the famous Russian poet Alexander Pushkin (1799-1836). Hundreds of research volumes have been written to explain the motives of a duel — but in vain. Explanations were only half satisfactory. Until... somebody suggested an unorthodox reason. And the new reason, stunning church-lady-like literary critics, worked, explaining every detail from A to Z.

While listening to the wonderful music of the "Swan Lake" or the "Cracker," not many of the Russian audience think about the sexual orientation of the composer. Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky was also a gay — a blue guy.

The post revolutionary epoch in the Soviet history, marked by numerous labor camps, produced not only industrialization but also a criminal culture. This Soviet criminal culture, of course, is richly saturated with gay traditions. Even now, thirty years after the last labor camp had been closed, the accompanying certificate for a "fresh" criminal is marked with a sidelong red line — a sign, instructing guards to place the convict in a separate cell. Gay relations in the prison are a common practice.

Soviet Army has also got "infected" with blue-ism, especially the internal troops — the prison guards. From time to time the Soviet Public Opinion is shocked by military stories. In February 1988 (during the garrison service) seven seniors, led by a sergeant, raped the younger newly-conscripted soldier. The victim shot all eight of them, one by one, and then committed suicide.

But, thankfully, even sad experience can be interpreted humorously by Soviet Public Opinion. The army has not only blood-freezing statistics, but also anecdotes, some of them dating back to the World War II. The barracks of drafted soldiers burst out laughing at the description of a Soviet soldier slapping a Fritz with a bunch of flowers with words: Back up, nasty guy, Motherland is in danger!

The Soviet Union is a multinational country. The Moslem East is the largest part of the population, so it stands to reason that Moslems have significant impact upon Soviet culture. Traditionally in the East the gay practice was never a crime (as it is under the Soviet Law). Heterosexual dating was still and is strictly forbidden under the pains of blood vengeance. Women are either

virgins or mothers. Therefore, Moslem culture allowed young men to practice "blueness" through the tacit consent of the patriarchs. By the quirk of time, (in Russia) most of the anecdotes and jokes about gays are about the Georgian gays. Especially clever are the jokes about Stalin, who was also Georgian.

Joukoff, the minister of defense, used to carry dozens of pencils in his breast pockets.

Why? To avoid bending down when Stalin drops his pencil.

Perhaps one of the chief incentives for speaking publicly about the gays, and eventually to acknowledge the gay community in the USSR was, of course, the investigation on AIDS. The first Soviet to show AIDS symptoms was a bureaucrat who had worked for a couple of years in Africa. On coming back to Moscow he infected all his gay friends. So, having started talking about AIDS, the Soviet Public Opinion, had to start talking about gays. Like everywhere in the world gays were accused of a "crime against civilization" and made a scapegoat for the disease.

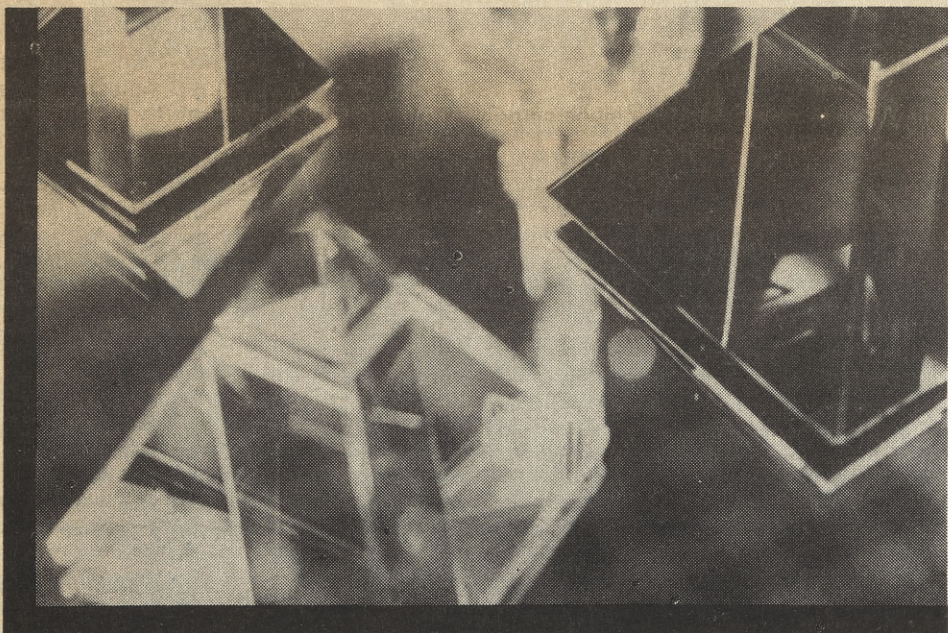
The Soviet Union is a large country, covering one sixth of the world territory and populated with more than 100 nationalities. So it is hard to come out with a generalization of any kind when you deal with as diverse a culture as this one. However, one thing is clear — Blue guys are not longer a phantom, whose existence was being confirmed merely by anecdotes. Blues are coming to light, they do exist in the USSR, but they are still dumb. It will take long time till the Soviet gays gain at least the US rights to be what the nature made them. ■



Local Artist Shines Into the Light:

Art Farmer

by Lisa Baron
OF MGW STAFF



Working in both color and black and white, Sacramento photographer Art Farmer's current work "Into the Light" embodies his own personal spiritual awareness and growth as a person and an artist. Influenced by Ernst Haas, Robert Mapplethorpe and Andre Kertez, Farmer uses glass, reflections and multiple exposures to transform the inherent two-dimensionality of photography into a 3-D quality, both pictorially and to the print surface. His bold, graphic images are now showing in Sacramento galleries.

Farmer recently received a B.A. in graphic design and photography from CSUS and hopes to use his academic background to go into commercial photography. He anticipates moving to Seattle to realize this goal. Admirers of Farmer needn't worry, however, for Farmer sees himself primarily as an artist and will continue exhibiting his work in galleries. ■



Dear Editor:

This letter is for all MGW readers who haven't yet shared with anyone the fact that they've tested positive for HIV or who feel they might be positive but haven't yet been tested. I hope you read it even though it's long, and think about it, and respond to its message. It is intended as a vehicle to hopefully reach those who are afraid or feel foolish, ashamed, or whatever other emotion the thought of being positive might conjure up.

You might have even worked up the courage to share with a couple of close friends that you're positive, and then discovered that they don't want to talk about it. What may be happening is that they simply can't bring themselves to carry on a discussion about it because if they don't say it out loud, it might not be real — not only for you, but for them too.

Well, now it's time to talk about it. To have people going to the hospital with pneumocystis in 1990 is something many had naively hoped would not happen in Sacramento, and it happened several times this winter. Formerly the chief killer of people with AIDS, pneumocystis is now preventable with the administration of pentamidine. Other diseases or infections that come with an HIV diagnosis can be controlled — HIV is a treatable virus! But apparently some people have not gotten the message that we're in the middle of a raging crisis, that the monster is here and we must fight it together, and that there are people in this city who will stand by your side as you learn to meet this challenge in your life. It may even mean that you will leave behind some old friendships and develop new

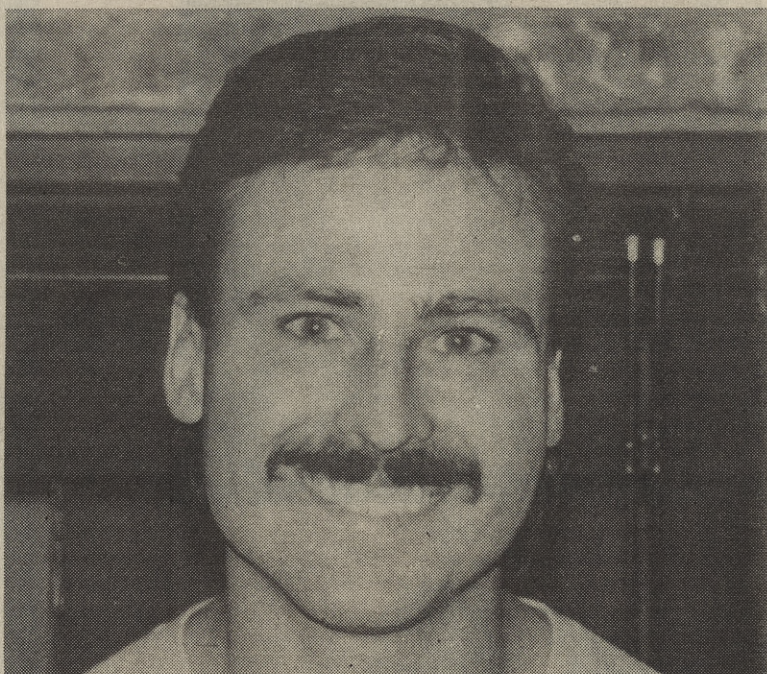
ones, but the odds are that your new friends will be closer than any you've ever had before.

We have to pull together tighter. The emotional and spiritual support is here; the information is here; the medical knowledge is here to get everyone through this crisis. The fear needs to be analyzed — is it the fear of being abandoned by family and friends, the fear of dying, the fear of becoming sick, the fear of losing your job? The anger at getting yourself into this position, wondering which liaison brought you to this place in time, the old feelings again about the rightness of being gay — all of it flares up screaming in your face the day you're told you're positive.

But then what? The endless chase for the right drug, trying to decide who to tell, and when to tell them, researching different combinations of foods and vitamins, taking courses and listening to tapes in order to learn if you can "heal" yourself and get well — the panic never seems to fade.

Sometimes the answer is incredibly hard to find — but it's basically simple and it's been right there inside you all the time: you must simply learn to love yourself. It's true that a wrong or uninformed decision brought you to this place; now let's deal with it. Being HIV positive doesn't mean that you must accept being shunned or treated with disrespect by anyone. It may take a while to develop the inner resources to really believe in yourself and be able to push out of your life unaccepting people, even friends, who can't accept you as you are. But there's simply no need at all to deal with people who are afraid to hug you, who

It's Time to Talk About It



Tracy McBroom

— Photo by Lee Painter

refuse to take the time to learn new ideas about sex that can keep your relationship safe and still be fun, who cannot in any way accept your lifestyle, or who tell you that you alone can heal yourself of AIDS, because you can't.

What you will learn is that HIV is a manageable, chronic illness that can be controlled to a large extent, and that buying time is the name of this game. You will learn that "healing yourself" means healing your lifestyle and healing your soul, for only by learning to love yourself and honestly believing that you have something special to offer the world can you develop the inner strength to keep fighting the virus.

What you can do is forgive yourself and love yourself and then get on with the next step — keeping well and being happy. This town is a wonderland of people vitally interested in being with you as you talk through your terror and anger and confusion and pain. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation, the Lambda Community Center, and CARES all provide programs

and workshops to get people through this challenge in their lives. Accepting support might make you feel as if you're losing your independence, your privacy, your choices. This virus may, in fact, take many of these things away from you, and more — it might take your health and free time, and it might cost you a relationship or two. But you must NEVER let it take away your self respect, your dignity, and your integrity.

It's OK to tell people you will not accept negative attitudes and remarks from them, and then turn away from them. But first you must learn to truly love yourself and realize that you're worth the respect and courtesy you demand. Other changes may be in order: you must no longer abuse your body with drugs and alcohol, you must always have safe sex — not only to protect your partner, but to keep from getting anything, including reinfection with HIV, that your compromised immune system can no longer tolerate.

Please remember that there is a lot of support for you as you make these changes in your life and as you deal with this over the years to come.

They may well be the hardest years of your life: the thought that you're HIV positive will

never leave your mind. Every four hours, day after day, the AZT will remind you that your life is fragile and vulnerable.

But these can also be the years of the greatest love you will ever imagine. Your relationships will take on so much more meaning and beauty, you'll notice and enjoy the little day-to-day things in life that you hadn't even noticed before, and you'll meet the greatest friends you'll ever have as you discover the unimaginable and endless outpouring of caring from that part of the community that is learning that it's OK to talk about being positive or having AIDS.

So this letter is a plea to please reach out — reach past the embarrassment and guilt and shattered dreams and pride, and remember that you deserve all the respect and love and ecstasy that your future can hold. Fight for it. Don't hesitate to move forward through this challenge. You might not be ready at this point in your life to share your new status with more than a few people, but take that first step. If the friend you tell can't deal with it, or shies away from future conversations about it, consider the other support systems in town. Volunteer at the AIDS Foundation as a match to someone in a position similar to yours, or ask about getting matched with someone who wants to listen and give you a hug when you need one. This city is full of love, and it's waiting there for you.

Please take care of yourselves BEFORE some HIV-related disease or infection knocks you down further. Know what's going on in your own body. Remember that HIV is a manageable disease. Monitor your health status every four months. Know what your T-cell count is. You may be asymptomatic for years before you need to start medication. When your physician says it's time to do so, seek out additional support as you deal with this new element. With care, you can be around for decades. Without it, if you can't face it and learn to manage what's going on in your own body, there's only one possible conclusion. Let's learn to talk about it, and stop the monster from trashing our town.

Love to my friends and MGW readers who are positive or think they possibly might be. I truly hope that you will reach out — you don't have to do this alone.

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Michael Greer: Clever and Classy Entertainer

by Alex Lane
OF MGW STAFF

No newcomer to the entertainment scene, Michael Greer has had 25 years of dues-paying in this most unforgiving of professions. All that time he has been "out," even back in the 60s when coming out of the closet was a comparatively rare occurrence, especially in high visibility professions.

He started with Jack and the Giants in the now legendary Redwood Room in Los Angeles, at first playing to hostile and disinterested audiences. One of his colleagues, Jim Bailey, was doing an outstanding tribute to Judy Garland, in which he would look and sound exactly like the singer-actress. This was one day brought to the attention of Judy herself, who actually visited the club to see the act. The rest is history. A non-stop parade of stars, Rock Hudson, Liberace, and Rita Hayworth were regular patrons. The show eventually ran 16 months, and the club was forced to tear down walls, buy the building next door and build a new stage.

From that beginning Greer went on to form several other acts including "The Giants," and "The Jacks!" In 1969, he got the part of Queenie alongside Don Johnson (of Miami Vice fame), in the play Fortune in Men's Eye. Films followed, including The Gay Decelvers, and The Magic Garden of Stanley Sweetheart, in which Greer played the part of a "straight" rock star, Danny Rosenburg. During the 70s he did a lot of TV work on such shows as



The All Male Chanticleer Concert This Weekend

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

Chanticleer, that exquisite male choral group from San Francisco, will be back in Sacramento's Westminster Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 9 to present a concert featuring a brand new work for cello and male chorus(!) by David Carlson.

This is the same David Carlson whose Rhapsodies for Orchestra will be presented this weekend (March 2, 3 & 4) by the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra. This is the same David Carlson who was born 38 years ago in Ventura and is now the composer-in-residence with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

The obvious feature of the evening will be Carlson's Nocturno; the world premiere was

presented a few days ago in New York City. That's right. A few days ago.

Carlson has received a lot of critical attention in the past couple of years, having had his works performed by major orchestras in the U.S. and in other countries.

Nocturno, the work to be sung by Chanticleer, combines solo cello and male chorus. The idea for this unusual pairing came from another Californian, cellist Emil Miland, who had heard a Chanticleer concert and later asked Carlson to create a work to incorporate the male vocal range and the cello.

Carlson chose to compose a piece based on the motets of the High Renaissance, sung in Latin, with a spiritual text. He describes the work as a musical offering of renewal in response to the devastation of the AIDS epidemic.

"(The piece is) a musical offering for everyone who wants to hear it ... We can't have our lives filled with grief constantly; there ought to be something uplifting and possibly a positive byproduct of this whole thing."

"Then, I carried the idea a step further, so that the piece wouldn't be about AIDS at all but about people who help each other. And, it's not about sickness, either; the bigger story is life itself and transcendence."

Carlson's music is supremely "accessible." Writing in FOCUS magazine, critic Allan Ulrich said, "Carlson doesn't fashion music in the serial style that has alienated audiences for the past 75 years. He hasn't swung in the other direction and adopted the minimalist procedures that often require no more from a composer than a copying machine and nothing more from an audience than patience. Nor has he stepped out of the mainstream and chosen the Dadaist, no-rules-at-all path that may be John Cage's enduring legacy to the last third of the 20th century ..."

Carlson, himself, said, "Most composers lack an understanding of form. What I miss is a sense of forward motion. When composing, I always look for a dramatic point of departure, going from Point A to Point B, for a feeling that a journey has been experienced. Music has to say that you've been somewhere."

For tickets to this concert, MGW readers may call the Community Center Theater Box Office at 449-5181 or the Howe Avenue Box Office at 920-1121 or any BASS ticket outlet. Prices are \$17 and \$15 and there are lower rates for students and seniors.

Conference Organizers Provide Access to HIV +, PWA's PWARC's

As part of its commitment to inclusion of HIV infected people/PWA's and PWARC's, the Sixth International Conference on AIDS is making 325 delegate passes available to HIV infected individuals who are not otherwise able to afford attendance at the conference.

Conference organizers have worked extensively with community based organizations to assure the role of HIV infected people in all aspects of the conference, including as speakers and reviewers of research. The goals of the HIV Delegate Program are twofold: to allow HIV infected people, PWA's and PWARC's to gather current treatment information for dissemination throughout the community, and to facilitate an exchange between the scientific and HIV infected communities to assure a better understanding of the needs of HIV infected people.

Interested HIV infected individuals are asked to prepare a letter requesting an HIV Delegate Pass. In the letter, mention should be made of any affiliations with community based AIDS related activities, and organizations. Phone numbers should be included. The deadline for requests is Thursday, March 15. Requests should be sent to the conference as follows: Dana Van Gorder, Community Relations, Sixth International Conference on AIDS, P.O. Box 1505, San Francisco, CA 94143-1505.

Ironside, The Streets of San Francisco, and Mannix. At this time he was continuing to work in gay cabaret. He went back east in '82, played Chris, another gay character in a revival of The Ritz, and also did a movie with Steve Martin, The Lonely Guy. In Washington D.C. he played a triumphant 32-week season at Henry's to rave reviews. The Washington Post described him as "Greer, clever and classy ..." He also met his lover of seven years during this period.

Greer was also clever and classy during his shows at Joseph's Town and Country last month. As expected, he was up to his usual standard. Utilizing his multi-faceted talent, he delivered the goods in no uncertain terms. He sang songs, joked back and forth with members of the audience, and did great impressions — Bette Davis was outstanding, and his skit of the Mona Lisa was hilarious. He included material of particularly local interest, something he makes a point of doing wherever he is performing. Dorothea Puente was a name he "dug up" during this segment!

Bob Connett, at the piano, did a wonderful job of handling the accompaniment, and also participated in the act by being a pretty good straight(?) man.

Here's hoping that Michael Greer's career will flourish in the future! He is a man of great talent and courage.

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Maurice Miller

In Sacramento, February 18. Beloved husband of Judy A. Miller of Sacramento. Loving father of Michael S. Miller of Atwater, Cary A. Miller of Sacramento and Margot Jenkins of Terry, Mississippi. Devoted grandfather to Ashley Marie Miller of Atwater. A resident of Sacramento. Organist for the El Camino Baptist Church. A native of Greenwood, Mississippi. Aged 51 years. Maury will be missed and remembered by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation where he served since June of 1987 and a Hand-to-Hand Volunteer. Friends attended services at the El Camino Baptist Church on Wednesday, February 21. Remembrances may be made to the El Camino Baptist Church. Arrangements by East Lawn Mortuary. ■

Robert A. Winchester

In Sacramento, January 29, of complications associated with AIDS. Beloved son of Phyllis and Robert Winchester of Nova Scotia, Canada. Survived by his fiancée Sue Markee, and sister Deborah Winchester. Born in New Hampshire June 8, 1943. Served in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy. Graduate of San Fernando Valley State College. Members of Sutter's Stompers Cloggers of Sacramento. Memorial service was held at the LDS Church; burial at East Lawn Memorial Park. ■

David Austin

The love affair between David Austin and David Berni began 13 years ago. Together, they founded the Sacramento AIDS Walk, and proudly marched together at the frontlines of the AIDS Candlelight Memorial March in May. "Little David" had also volunteered for several research projects that tested new drugs in the fight against AIDS. David Austin lost his fight on Friday, February 16, at the age of 31. Besides his loving companion David, he is survived by four sisters — Sheryl, Sandra, Pamela and Annette, all of Sacramento — and his mother, Helen, of Wyoming. The family requests that any remembrances be made to the Sacramento AIDS Walk, P.O. Box 160667, Sacramento, 95816, the second annual Walk is scheduled for this May. ■

Leland Moss

Leland Moss, 41, theater artist, director, playwright, died in his San Francisco home on January 24, following what he called "a two year dialogue with AIDS."

He grew up in Beverly Hills and was raised in a theater environment with prominent members in American theater as "uncles" and "aunts." He studied theater at Harvard and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. He was in charge of the La Mama troupe in London and later became the resident director at La Mama in New York while continuing to act on Broadway. He moved to Los Angeles and later to the Bay Area where he worked at Theater Rhinoceros in San Francisco. He left a distinguished body of work both as a director and a playwright and won many awards for his unique vision and unusual production values.

He is survived by his mother Thelma, and his sister Pauli Moss of Los Angeles and by his many friends, designers, actors as well as the entire gay community to which he was so dedicated. ■

Keith Haring

Subway artist Keith Haring, 31, died at his home in New York of complications caused by AIDS.

Haring was raised in Kutztown, PA and learned to draw from his father, a supervisor at Western Electric. His training consisted of two years as a handyman at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and two years at New York's School of Visual Arts.

One of his best known works was a 300-foot mural he painted on the Berlin Wall in 1986. He did a number of murals at hospitals where the cartoon-like quality of his work was greatly valued. He later opened a successful shop which sold products bearing his art.

During the 1980s he was a part of New York's art community and was a contemporary of rock star Grace Jones, Boy George and his mentor, Andy Warhol. ■

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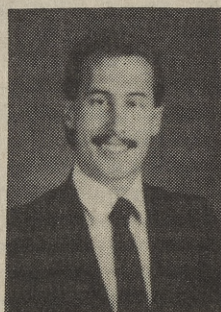
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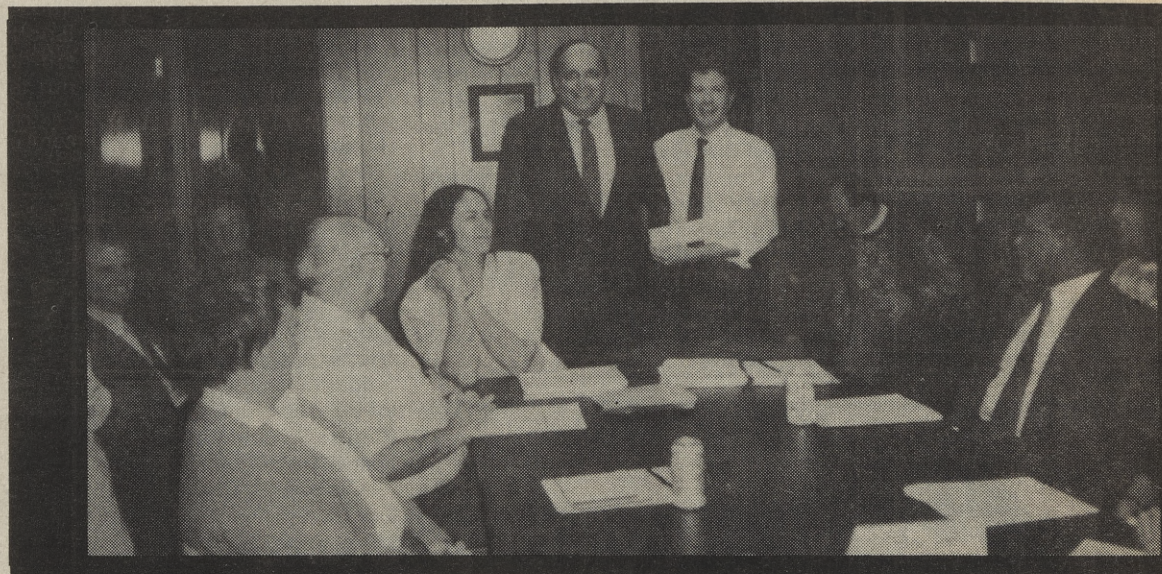
Mayor Rudin Addressed PILLARS



Lou Camera, Gil, Mikey Mitchell, Mayor Anne Rudin, Hal Griffith, Chuck, Bill McOmber, Larry Hoover.

Photo by Lisa Meeker

SATA Supports Hand-to-Hand Project



Sacramento Aid to AIDS (SATA) began organizing in 1987 to involve the heterosexual community in educating the general public about AIDS and to raise funds for the Hand-to-Hand project, sponsored by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. SATA has sponsored many events and has worked closely with organizations like the Names Project, Sacramento Area Regional Theater Association and Daughters of Penelope. They have donated large sums of money to the Stop AIDS project and Hand-to-Hand project. Most recently, a presentation was made from SATA to Stan Hadden, president of the Board of Directors (SAF), for \$20,000 so that the Hand-to-Hand project can continue its work with AIDS/ARC patients and their significant others.

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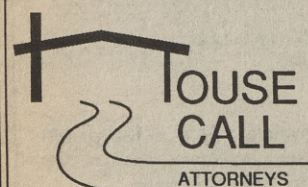
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Part 3: Therapists, Therapy & You

by Joyce Bright, MS Counseling
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So how do you find a psychotherapist that's right for you? Several years ago a friend of mine went looking for a therapist, and how she went about finding one still seems eminently practical to me.

She was aware that she was having some difficulties, but still she was an extremely bright, independent person, accustomed to solving her own problems. Working with someone else on her problems seemed an indication of weakness. She did a good deal of reading about her problem. Finally she felt she had gone as far as she could on her own. Maybe some "expert" consultation would help. (Thinking of a therapist as a paid consultant is not a bad analogy.)

thought, we're all experts on our problems. But if you can go to a therapist with the information that you're feeling depressed and don't know why or that you think you might have a problem with alcohol, then the therapist has a concrete issue to explore. Moreover, some therapists specialize, and the more specific you can be, the more likely you will find a therapist with special expertise in that area. Equally, if you have a specific problem, the more easy it will be to measure the results of your therapy. To be sure, some people come into therapy saying, "I just want to know myself better." This is a valid reason to hire a therapist. But measuring the results of such a self-exploration is not easy. The goal is non-specific.

My friend also knew she wanted a lesbian therapist or someone sensitive to gay/lesbian issues. This is vital. A

But if the therapist mentions homophobia or socialization, then you have some idea about the therapist's knowledge. Again, it is important to pay attention to the issues and the personal identity of the therapist. Some gay/lesbian therapists are unwittingly homophobic themselves. On the other hand, some heterosexual counselors go to gay/lesbian events, and are quite comfortable and knowledgeable about us. It is OK, even when talking to a therapist for the first time on the phone, to ask about these issues. It takes only a minute or two.

Back to my friend. Sometimes a family doctor or other professional may recommend a therapist. Such a reference might be helpful; but it may be no better or worse than asking friends. Another professional, particularly one who is not in counseling, may not be the best judge of the competence of a therapist. At the same time, for a variety of reasons, you may not want to go to your best friend's therapist. It may be more comfortable for you to investigate the lead of a friend of a friend. The important thing is to get several names, to know that you can make a choice between several options.

When you first call, the receptionist may ask if you want to make an appointment right now. It is OK to say that you would rather talk with the therapist first. If you approach the call thoughtfully, you may be able to gather all the information you need with five minutes on the phone. Did the therapist answer your gay/lesbian questions satisfactorily? Was the therapist attentive? Did you feel comfortable? Was the therapist professional? It is important to pay attention to your reactions and feelings, keeping in mind that this is someone, like a consultant, with whom you may be working. At the end of the conversation, it is OK to say you want to think about it before making an appointment. You don't have to decide right at that moment.

Finally, you may actually want to interview several therapists. Although you may be required to pay a fee for this — and it's important to know that up-front — considering the expense of therapy, such an interview may pay-off in the long run. A potential therapist may be agreeable to doing a half-hour pro-rated interview with you. Again, the kind of interview you might do in person would be similar to the phone interview. Attend to your feelings. Do you feel comfortable? Does the therapist answer your questions directly without becoming defensive? Does the therapist ask you questions that demonstrate interest and concern? Is the therapist professional? Is the setting professional and comfortable? Do you understand what the therapist is saying? Is there enough interaction for you?

Finding the therapist who is right for you requires some effort, courage and honesty. It is the first step in a relationship that will require the same qualities — effort, courage and honesty. Because you are a valuable worthwhile person, the time and money you invest in finding a therapist is also valuable and worthwhile.

In the final article of this series I will talk about how to assess your therapy, and how to end it.

Think of a therapist as a paid consultant.

As a lesbian, she wanted to see another lesbian or at least insure that the person she saw would be sensitive to gay/lesbian issues. She talked to various friends, collecting impressions and names of potential therapists. Then she began to call each name on her list, setting up interviews. She made clear when she called that she simply wanted to interview the therapist in order to determine if this was someone with whom she could work. She understood that therapy is work; and because we all have different paces, different intelligence, and different personalities, work is something you may do better with one person rather than another. She also understood that she could do a real tap dance around issues and that it was easy for her to digress. She wanted a therapist who was directive, who would keep her focused, and who was not afraid in a gentle way to exercise authority. She did not want someone she could "con" or manipulate.

It took my friend less than three interviews to find a therapist. A year later she was still seeing the same therapist; still pleased with her decision.

Several elements make this a success story. First, my friend had a pretty good notion about her problem. With a little

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Now when you actually call a potential therapist, instead of asking directly if the therapist is lesbian or gay, you might want to ask if the therapist has experience dealing with gays and lesbians. You might want to ask if the therapist recognizes issues specific to gay/lesbian clients, and see what the response is. If the therapist answers that all people are the same, perhaps this is not someone you want to see.

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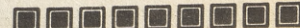
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The Quilt: Memories That Move

by Bonnie Duritsky
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On February 7, the Quilt Committee of Sacramento Aid to AIDS, SATA, announced its plans for bringing the National AIDS Quilt to the Sacramento Community Center. The quilt, along with new panels from Sacramento and Northern California will be displayed from Saturday, April 28 through Monday, April 30.

"'Memories That Move' was chosen as the theme for this showing because the quilt doesn't just move from place to place, but it also is a very emotionally moving experience which affects hundreds of thousands of people," explained Quilt Committee Chairman Chris Chilton.

New quilt panels will be displayed at the Light Rail Gallery from April 1 to the 21. Fifty to 100 new panels from Sacramento have already been made, and presentations to the Quilt Committee occur on a regular basis. As an example of what the quilt panels should contain, a new panel was displayed and the maker, Mark Adler, had an opportunity to pay tribute to a friend and explain what prompted him to make the panel. "I wanted to let people who see the quilt know what kind of guy Robert was just by looking at his panel."



Prior to the quilt's arrival, Quilting Bees will be held at Joseph's Town and Country 2062 Auburn Blvd., and volunteers are needed to help create panels. "We wanted to make a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere for anyone who wants to help make a panel. It will be a chance to be with others who have been touched by the quilt and who might have lost someone to AIDS," said Quilting Bee Chair Ralph Leon.

The Bees will be held at Joseph's Town and Country on the following dates: Sundays — March 11, April 8 and 15 — 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. daily, and Tuesdays — March 20, April 17 — 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. daily.

For more information on how to make a quilt panel, or how to make donations of materials, thread, needles and other sewing supplies, contact: Ralph Leon at 457-7920 or Eddie Sue Love at 1-725-9122.

Cleve Jones Steps Down From the NAMES Project Foundation

Founder of AIDS Memorial Quilt to Work with HIV Life Center

Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project Foundation and originator of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, has announced his resignation as executive director. Although Jones is no longer responsible for the day-to-day operation of the NAMES Project, he will remain with the organization to take the lead on several projects, including the recently announced HIV Life Center, a building to house the Quilt and other HIV-related service organizations.

The HIV Life Center is being established in conjunction with Trinity Methodist Church to develop an HIV center that would house a wide variety of non-medical HIV services and also



Cleve Jones

provide workshop, office and display space for the NAMES Project. The site is near the present NAMES Project location, at the corner of Market, Noe and 16th streets, in San Francisco's Castro district. The new building is to be constructed on the lot where the Trinity Methodist Church once stood. ■

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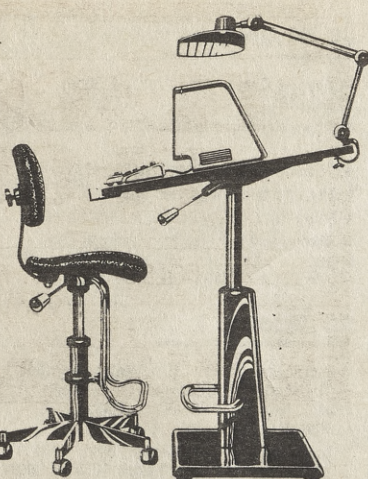
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- **Gay and Lesbian Town Council Meeting**, 7pm, Lambda Community Center.
- **"For Madeline Girbaud,"** Lightwork Gallery, 712 57th St., Japanese-American Poetry, Photography and Paper Exhibition, thru March 26; 451-9678.
- **M.H. de Young Museum**, Golden Gate Park, presents "America, 1921," featuring a performance by the Barbary Coast Cloggers. 6pm, free (415) 750-3614.
- **Gay and Lesbian Outreach**, 8pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **"Lesbian Lists"** author Dell Richards speaking at Lioness Books, 2224 J St., followed by book signing.
- **Being Alive Living Room**, drop in social setting for persons with AIDS and HIV disease, refreshments, games, conversation, 2-5pm Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., 441-0185.
- **The Cherry Orchard** by Anton Chekhov, Preview \$11, Sacramento Theatre Company, 1419 H St., 443-6722, 8pm.
- **Information and Job Faire Rally**, west steps Capitol, noon, sponsored by the California Commission on the Status of Women in celebration of Women's History Month, 445-3173.
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- **"10 Nights in a Bar Room,"** (a melodius melodrama), Woodland Opera House, 8pm, \$9, \$7, 666-9617.
- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You**, also The Actors Nightmare; 8pm, 24th Street Theatre, Sierra 2, 2791 24th St., \$10, 443-3188.
- **Tamer of Horses**, Chautauqua Playhouse, 8pm, \$9, 5325 Engle Rd, Suite 100, Carm. 489-7529.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, Christopher O'Riley, pianist, Community Center Theater, 8pm, 649-0200.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, \$16, see Mar. 1.
- **"The Boys Next Door,"** The Show Below, 2130 L St., 8pm, \$10 Fri. & Sat., \$9 Thur. & Sun., 446-2787.
- **The Blazing Redheads**, Robin Flower and Libby McLaren, Central Food Service Pub, CSUS, 8 & 10:30pm, \$6, \$4.50, 278-7388.

3 Saturday

- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento**, Solvang Century Bicycle Ride in So. Calif., Tom 447-5328.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 2.
- **"Talk With Us,"** open forum sponsored by River City Democratic Club, 11am-4pm, "The Attic" (formerly Partners), 24th & 2nd Ave., free lunch, to reserve 927-2029.
- **k d lang**, see March 2.
- **Eric Blau: Common Heroes** — Facing a Life-threatening illness, black & white portraits, The Darkroom, 708 57th St., 454-4906, thru Mar. 29. (Reception Mar. 16).
- **Broadway Magic**, see Mar. 2.
- **66th Annual Camellia Show** Flower Arrangement Division, 3-8pm, free, Sacramento Community Convention Center — Exhibition Hall, 1100 14th St.
- **10 Nights in a Bar Room**, see Mar. 2.
- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You**, see Mar. 2.
- **Conference for Catholic Lesbians** meeting, Kathleen, 362-4133.
- **Tamer of Horses**, see Mar. 2.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, see Mar. 2.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, see Mar. 1.
- **Friends Committee on Legislation** presents Legislative Action Workshop, 10am-3pm, \$5, Education Room, Berkeley Friends Meeting, Walnut and Vine Sts. Berkeley, (916) 443-3734.
- **The Boys Next Door**, see Mar. 2.
- **The Institute for Design and Experimental Art Exhibits: "Building Bridges,"** Cindi Harper, IDEA gallery, 3414 4th Ave., Reception, 7pm, exhibition thru April 14; 452-0949.

4 Sunday

- **Shenandoah Gallery**, Thom Green, Laurie Sylwester; Shenandoah Vineyards, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth; Reception 1-4pm, thru May 6; (209) 245-4455.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 2.
- **Sacramento Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue**, general meeting, 2-5pm, Davis, 443-7876.
- **66th Annual Camellia Show**, 10am-6pm, see Mar. 3.
- **10 Nights in a Bar Room**, 2pm, see Mar. 2.
- **Poetry Series**, Robyn Cota, Kimya Lambert, arthur butler, Webber's Book Shop, 2107 P St., 8pm, \$2 donation, 446-9346.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, 3pm see Mar. 2.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 2 & 7pm, see Mar. 1.

5 Monday

- **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Jamie Anderson**, progressive folksinger, songwriter; 7:30pm, Altazor, Latin American new song, 8pm, Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS, 278-7388.
- **Women's Rap Group**, Lambda Center 7-9pm, 442-0185.

6 Tuesday

- **Being Gay Today**, 5pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Life Drawing Class** in Watercolor, by Ellen Van Fleet, 7-9pm, (9 sessions), Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St., \$54 plus models fee; register by Mar. 2, 441-4818.
- **"Women and AIDS,"** 10:20am-11:35am, Forest Suite, University Union, CSUS, 278-7388.
- **"Healing the Inner Child: A Means of Transforming Relationships,"** Kate Guzman, LCSW; Forest Suite, University Union, CSUS, 11:45am-1pm, 278-7388.

7 Wednesday

- **Being Gay Today**, noon, Cable Ch. 47.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 2.
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento**, monthly potluck/meeting, Stan 441-3285, Rick 441-2236
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 6:30pm, see Mar. 1., \$16.
- **"Chant of the Women of Magdalena,"** readings by Sdiane Bogus, poet, writer, publisher, teacher and scholar, 2-2:50pm, forest Suite, University Union, CSUS, 278-7388.
- **"With an Animal Eye and Feminist Wit: The Feminist-Animal Connection,"** reading by Theresa Corrigan (of Lioness Books), Forest Suite, University Union, CSUS, 7-7:50pm, 278-7388.

8 Thursday

- **GLAD meeting**, 7pm, Lambda Center.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 2.
- **Women in History Awards Program**, Sacramento History Center, 101 I St., 449-2057.
- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You**, see Mar. 2.
- **Being Alive Living Room**, see Mar. 1.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 8pm, \$16, see Mar. 1.
- **The Boys Next Door**, see Mar. 2.
- **The Dance Brigade**, of "The Nutcracker Sweetie," Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS, 12-12:50pm, 278-7388.
- **"Women in the Military"** open forum discussion group for women in the military, past or present, to exchange experiences and insights from their unique points of view; 7-9pm, Senate Chambers, University Union CSUS, 278-7388.

9 Friday

- **Chanticleer**, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 8pm, \$17, \$15, \$10 student/senior; BASS, Community Center Box Office, Howe Ave. Box Office, 920-1121.
- **PILLARS**, St. Patrick's Day celebration, Res. 455-1771, 6pm cocktails, 7:30 dinner.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 2.
- **10 Nights in a Bar Room**, see Mar. 2.
- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You**, see Mar. 2.
- **"The Sty of the Blind Pig,"** Sacramento City Actors Theatre, 8pm, Art Court Theatre, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 449-SCAT.
- **Tamer of Horses**, see Mar. 2.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 8pm, \$16, see Mar. 1.
- **The Boys Next Door**, see Mar. 2.
- **"The Subject is Breast Cancer,"** a national exhibition and 3 week series of free events documenting women's experiences of mastectomy, radiation, chemotherapy, and reconstruction: performance by Miriam Gray and Video Presentation, 7-9pm, Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St; reception Sunday, March 11, 3-5pm, 441-4818.
- **"Courageous Voices Echoing in Our Lives,"** Sacheen Littlefeather, internationally recognized and respected Indian woman, Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS, 11-11:50am, 278-7388.
- **"Co-Dependency: Breaking the Roles Our Family Taught Us,"** workshop by Deborah Otten, MFCC; Forest Suite, University Union, CSUS, 2-2:50pm, 278-7388.

10 Saturday

- **Beginning Snow Camping Trip** in the Sierra, Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento, Rick, 1-795-4654, thru March 11.
- **Sacramento Master Singers**, 8pm, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave; \$5 advance, \$6 at door, 972-9886.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 2.
- **Sacramento Opera Auditions**, McClatchy High School, 3066 Freeport Blvd., 442-4224, thru March 11.
- **Capital Flower-Art Designers** present "The Flower Show," 10am-6pm, free, Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd.
- **10 Nights in a Bar Room**, see Mar. 2.
- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You**, see Mar. 2.
- **Buddy Connection/90**, men's free safe sex workshop, SAF, 1900 K St, upstairs, 3-5pm, 448-2437.
- **The Sty of the Blind Pig**, see Mar. 9.
- **Tamer of Horses**, see Mar. 2.
- **Expresso Class**, William Glen, 11am-3pm.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 8pm, \$16, see Mar. 1.
- **Exhibition of small works on canvas**, Jane Goldman, Dito Gallery, 1724 L St., reception 6:30-8:30pm, thru Mar. 30, 441-DITO.
- **The Boys Next Door**, see Mar. 2.

11 Sunday

- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 2.
- **10 Nights in a Bar Room**, 3pm, see Mar. 2.
- **Literary Sunday** afternoon reading, Sacramento Theatre Company actor, Jan Akers Wagner examining the passionate world of Joyce Carol Oates, 2pm, Stage Two, 1419 H St., 446-7501.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 6:30pm, \$16, 2 & 7pm, see Mar. 1.
- **The Boys Next Door**, 2:30pm, see Mar. 2.
- **"Two Worlds: A Mother-Daughter Exhibition,"** Matrix Members' Gallery, 1725 I St., Reception, 3-5:30pm, exhibition thru Mar. 30, 441-4818.

12 Monday

- **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Candlelight Rally** Protect your civil rights, 6pm, 13th & K streets, march to City Hall.
- **Women's Rap Group**, 7-9pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185.

13 Tuesday

- **Noon Rally & Picketing Lou Sheldon**, Meet 11:30am, 13 & K streets.
- **Being Gay Today**, 5pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **An Evening with Maynard Ferguson**, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 6pm & 9pm, \$35 w/dinner, \$17.50 concert only, 985-6361.

14 Wednesday

- **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 2.
- **New Jewish Agenda** presents Adrienne Rich, poet and feminist, reading of selections from her work, Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd., \$7 adv, \$8 door, \$5, low income; 7:30pm. Tickets at Lambda Comm. Center, Lioness, Time-Tested Books, New Society Bookstore, 448-4574.
- **Women's Empowerment Workshop**, Relationship Power, orientation for March 23-25 workshop, 7:30pm, \$150, Threshold, 1923 21st St. 455-1168.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 6:30pm, \$16, see Mar. 1.

15 Thursday

- **"Educating Rita,"** Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova. Res. req. 985-6361.
- **8th National Biennial Hispanic Conference** on Health and Human Services, San Francisco (202) 371-2100.
- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You**, also The Actors Nightmare; 8pm, 24th Street Theatre, Sierra 2, 2791 24th St., \$10, 443-3188.
- **Healthwatch: Update on HIV Treatments**, Neil Flynn, MD, 7-9pm, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St., 448-2437.
- **Being Alive Living Room**, drop in social setting for persons with AIDS and HIV disease, refreshments, games, conversation, 2-5pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., 441-0185.
- **"The Cherry Orchard,"** by Anton Chekhov, Sacramento Theatre Company 1419 H St., 8pm, \$16, 443-6722.
- **"The Boys Next Door,"** The Show Below, 2130 L St., 8pm, \$10 Fri. & Sat., \$9 Thurs. & Sun., 446-2787.

16 Friday

- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains ...** see March 15.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, see March 15.
- **"Trade Your Fear for Anger,"** self-defense workshop by Midge Marino, Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS 2-5pm, 278-7388.
- **Tamer of Horses**, Chautauqua Playhouse, 8pm, \$9, 5325 Engle Rd., Ste. 100, Carmichael, 489-7529.

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- **The Sty of the Blind Pig**, Sacramento City Actors Theatre, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 8pm, 449-SCAT.

17 Saturday

- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains ...** see March 15.
- **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!**
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento**, Mountain Bike Ride and Whale Watching at Point Reyes, Matt, 795-4654.
- **Dandelion Days Flea Market and Celebration**, downtown Jackson; opening of Daffodil Hill, (209) 223-0350.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, see March 15.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, Jean-Pierre Rampal, flutist, Schubert, Ginastera, Khachaturian, Sacramento Community Center, 8pm, \$22-\$12, Comm. Center Box Office, BASS/Ticketmaster.
- **Tamer of Horses**, see March 16.
- **The Sty of the Blind Pig**, see March 16.
- **Pre-Spring rummage extravaganza**, YWCA, 442-4741.
- **2nd Spring Plant Faire and Sale**, Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., 10am-5pm, 443-9413.

18 Sunday

- **Monterey Wine Festival** thru March 20, sponsored by National Restaurant Assoc. (312) 853-2525.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 2pm, 7pm, see March 15.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, 3pm, see March 17.
- **The Sty of the Blind Pig**, 2pm, see March 16.
- **2nd Spring Plant Faire and Sale**, see March 17.
- **Sacramento Area Coalition Against Operation "Rescue,"** general meeting, 3-6pm, Sacramento, 443-7876.

19 Monday

- **Women's Rap Group**, Lambda Center, 7-9pm, 442-0185.
- **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, 7:30pm, see March 17.

20 Tuesday

- **Being Gay Today**, 5pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 6:30pm, see March 15.
- **PFLAG meeting**, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, 7:30pm, Rap Session, 444-9510.

21 Wednesday

- **Being Gay Today**, noon, Cable Ch. 47.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 6:30pm, see March 15
- **Midtown Business Assoc.** qtrly dinner meeting, 442-2625.

22 Thursday

- **Moscow Circus**, Arco Arena, 7:30pm, 923-BASS.
- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains ...** see March 15.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, see March 15.
- **Being Alive Living Room**, see March 15.
- **Women and the Law** 21st National Conference, Westin Hotel, Detroit, Michigan thru March 25; info (313) 998-7974.
- **Sacramento Ballet's 35th Anniversary Gala** — Summerset, Don Quixote Pas de Deux, Etosha, Raymonda Variations; Sacramento Community Center, 8pm, 444-2491.
- **Moscow Circus**, Arco Arena, 8pm, 923-BASS, special performance 10:30am also.
- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains ...** see March 15.
- **PILLARS**, "Squeal of Fortune," fun with Vannah and Co., Res. 455-1771.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, see March 15.
- **Tamer of Horses**, see March 16.
- **The Sty of the Blind Pig**, see March 16.

24 Saturday

- **Sacramento Ballet**, 2pm, 8pm, see March 23.
- **Moscow Circus**, Arco Arena, noon, 4pm & 8pm, 923-BASS.
- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains ...** see March 15.
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento**, Bicycling in the Hills near Winters, Rick 795-4654.
- **Echo to Kirkwood X-Country Ski Race** (209) 258-6000.
- **Daffodil Daze** spring craft sale, Sutter Creek, thru March 25.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.

- **The Cherry Orchard**, see March 15.
- **Tamer of Horses**, see March 16.
- **The Sty of the Blind Pig**, see March 16.

25 Sunday

- **Moscow Circus**, 1pm & 5:30pm, Arco Arena, 923-BASS.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **The Cherry Orchard**, 7pm, see March 15.
- **Tamer of Horses**, 2pm, see March 16.
- **The Sty of the Blind Pig**, 2pm, see March 16.

26 Monday

- **Dinah Shore Golf Tournament**, Mission Hills, Palm Springs thru April 1.
- **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Ch. 47.
- **Women's Rap Group**, Lambda Center, 7-9pm, 442-0185.
- **"Outlook,"** monthly lesbian/gay video show, discussion of gay life in the Holyland, 10:30pm Cable Ch. 47.
- **Animal Allies** — lobbying day, 9am, State Capitol Building, (415) 474-4020.
- **Sacramento Symphony Concert**, Woodland Opera House, 666-9617.

27 Tuesday

- **Being Gay Today**, 5pm, Cable Ch 47.
- **Outlook**, 5:30pm, see March 26.
- **University Union**, Exhibition Lounge, CSUS, "Up Against the Wall," Photographs of Murals by Alan Tajirian, Reception 5-7pm, exhibition thru April 6.

28 Wednesday

- **Being Gay Today**, noon, Cable Ch. 47.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **Outlook**, 12:30pm, see March 26.

29 Thursday

- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains ...** see March 15.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **Being Alive Living Room**, see March 15.

30 Friday

- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains ...** see March 15.
- **Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento**, Annual Desert Trip, Rick, 1-795-4654, (thru April 2).
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **Code: Blue Dinah Shore Weekend**, Radisson Palm Springs Resort, C.C. Productions (213) 281-9903, thru April 1.
- **Singlefest III**, Palm Springs, 7:30pm, C.C. Construction Co. 68-449 Perez Rd., Palm Springs/Cathedral City (619) 324-4241, \$7 adv, \$10 door.

- **Sacramento Symphony**, Ralph Kirschbaum, cellist; Grieg, Schumann & Beethoven, Sacramento Community Center, 8pm.
- **Tamer of Horses**, see March 16.
- **The Sty of the Blind Pig**, see March 16.
- **Karpatok Hungarian Folk Dance Ensemble**, Woodland Opera House, 666-9617.

31 Saturday

- **Sister Mary Ignatius Explains ...** see March 15.
- **"Educating Rita,"** see March 15.
- **Desert Heart Dance**, Palm Springs Pavilion, "Second Wind," 8pm-1am, \$25 (619) 324-9889.
- **Sacramento Symphony**, see March 30.
- **Tamer of Horses**, see March 16.
- **The Sty of the Blind Pig**, see March 16.

April

1 Sunday

- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!**
- **"Educating Rita,"** Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, Res. req. 985-6361.
- **Pool Party**, Smoke Tree Villa, Palm Springs, C/W recording star Dena Kaye, 11am-5pm, \$15 (619) 324-9889
- **Sacramento Symphony**, Ralph Kirschbaum, cellist; Grieg, Schumann, Beethoven, Sacramento Community Center, 3pm.
- **Tamer of Horses**, Chautauqua Playhouse, 2pm, \$9, 5325 Engle Rd., Ste. 100 Carmichael, 489-7529.
- **Poetry Series**, Webber's Book Shop, D.R. Wagner, Todd Walton, 2107 P St., 8pm, \$2 donation, 446-9346.
- **Old Sacramento Spring Collector's Fair**, 7am-4pm, free 443-7815.

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SACWN Bash a Blast!

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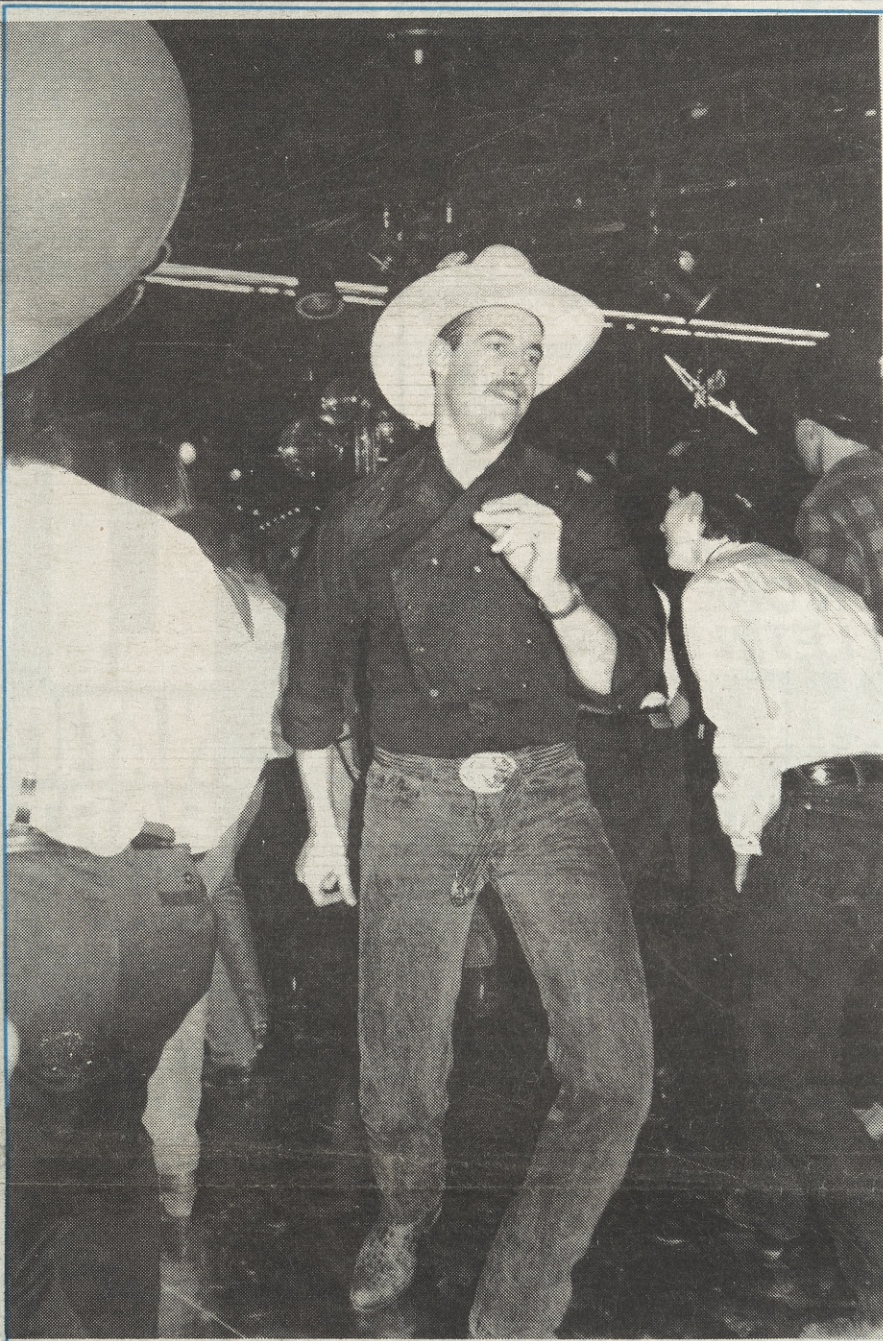
It was a truly romantic evening for couples and still more romantic for the single women there — all of whom had many opportunities to meet one another and become targets for Cupid's arrows. In addition, the event drew such a crowd that women were not only meeting new people but were renewing old friendships.

SACWN's Valentine Dance was another in a long line of successful social events which the group sponsors with great regularity. Watch these pages for their next event — check the calendar and the ads — because SACWN's soirees are major successes and, more important, always FUN! ■

Linda (Elgie) Davis contributed to this article

Nearly 400 women packed the house at the SACWN Valentine Dance on February 17.

Couples, singles, the young and the young at heart kept the dance floor jumping all night. A masterly job was done by disc jockey, Jo Tierney who managed to play music which pleased everyone in the diverse crowd. She successfully switched from funk to country, from house to Motown and from disco to the



Valentine Western Dance Party

"Dancer Dave" at FACES' Valentine's Day Western Dance Party

Photo by Sonya Cox

Lambda Community Fund Elects New Directors

Seven new members were elected to the Board of Directors of the Lambda Community Fund and four incumbents were re-elected at the annual meeting.

New members are Willis Bennett, Richard Borio, Marghe Covino, Robert Gilbert, Bill Gingrich, Sharon McDonell, and Drew Siegel. Returning board members are the Rev. Jerry Sloan, Laura Enright, Eileen Harvey and Rob Thorbin.

The Lambda Community Fund operates the Lambda Community Center, AIDS Response Programs, "Gay and Lesbian Outreach" cable TV show, Lambda Freedom Fair, and Performing Artists for AIDS-Related Charities. It was originally incorporated in 1979 and reorganized in its current form in 1984. It is the oldest Sacramento charity specifically serving the local lesbian and gay community. ■

MGW ORGANIZATIONS

Gay Center

- **LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER**—1931 L St. At 20th. Daily: 10 am — 6 pm. Mon/Tues: 10 am — 9 pm. 442-0185. Info Line 447-5755.

Media

- **MGW NEWSPAPER**—1725 L St., 95814. 441-NEWS (9-5, weekdays).
- **PSN NEWSLETTER**—Box 189306, 95818. Arturo Jackson, 447-5925.
- **BEING GAY TODAY**—Channel 47. M 10pm, T 5pm, W noon.

Political/Legal

- **ASSEMBLYMAN LLOYD CONNELLY**—2705 'K' St., Ste. 6, 95816. Alison Anderson is liaison, 443-1183.
- **ASSEMBLYMAN PHIL ISENBERG**—1215 15th St., Ste. 102, 95814. Connie Damant is liaison, 324-4677.
- **CAL. CAPITOL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**—(CAPPAC) Demo./Rep. 1008 10th St. #255, 95814, 736-2722.
- **CONCERNED REPUBLICANS**—Sacramento Log Cabin, John Madriz 368-0341.
- **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**—2131 Capitol Ave., Suite 206, 95816. 4th Wed., 6:30pm, City Hall 444-6903.
- **LOBBY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM & EQUALITY**—(LIFE) Rand Martin, 926 J St. #1020, 95814.
- **RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB**—Box 161958, 95816. 3rd Mon., Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Ken Topper, 424-5254(msg).

Youth

- **CALIFORNIA RUNAWAY HOTLINE**—1-800-843-5200.
- **YOUTH CRISIS LINE**—Mon-Fri, 3-9pm EST. 1-800-221-7044. NGTF, 80 5th Ave., NY 1001.
- **YOUTH GROUP**—Fri 5:45-6:45pm for young people. Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185.

Religion

- **AFFIRMATION**—United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Ellie, Jeanne, 489-2340.
- **CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC LESBIANS**—meets 1st Sat. evening. Kathleen 362-4133.
- **CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV**—220 Danvers St., San Francisco, 94114. (415) 861-6932.
- **DIGNITY**—Box 161765, 95816. (Catholic) Mass & meeting, 2nd Sun., 3pm, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & 'K', 441-0427(msg).

- **RIVER CITY METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**—2741 34th St. Worship services Sun. 9am, 11am and 6pm. TV Ministry, Ch 63 Sun., 7pm. 454-4762. Rev. Elder Freda Smith.
- **METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF STOCKTON**—Meets at 2737 Pacific Ave. (Unitarian Church), at 6pm Sun. Box 8323, Stockton, 95208, (209) 465-3944.
- **LUTHERANS CONCERNED/SA**—4th Sun. Kevin S. Braaten-Moen, 739-0607.
- **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO**—Gay and Lesbian Support Group. 2425 Sierra Blvd. (916) 483-9283.
- **S.D.A.**—Box 3840, Los Angeles, 90078. (213) 876-2076.
- **ZEN BUDDHIST GROUP**—Mon, 7pm, 925-0704, Brian.

Student

- **These student groups usually get together when classes are in session.**
- **GAYS & LESBIANS AT ARC**—Thur 11am Dr. Johns. 484-8340.
- **CHICO STATE GAY/LESBIAN UNION**—CSU Chico, 95926.
- **GAYS & LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF SAC STATE**—(G.L.A.S.) CSUS, 6000 J St., Box 33, 95819. Thu. 8-9:30pm, Gwyn 485-4531.
- **BISEXUALS, GAYS & LESBIANS AT DAVIS**—433 Russell Blvd., Davis, 95616. 1st, 3rd Weds. 7-8pm., rap group 8:15. Events tape 753-2090.

Miscellaneous

- **AIDS FOUNDATION**—1900 K St., Suite 201. AIDS info., referrals, education, counseling. 448-AIDS.
- **ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACA)**—Sat. 12:30-2pm. No smoking 2741 34th (MCC Church) 381-2175.
- **AL-ANON GAY FOCUS-OPEN MEETINGS**—Sunday, 6:30-8:30pm, Unitarian Church, 2425 Sierra Blvd., Rm. 6, (near Howe & Fair Oaks), Steve S. 443-6332.
- **Wednesday, 6-7:30pm, MCC, 2741 34th St., Claudia 441-6227.**
- **Saturday, 12noon-1:30pm, Unitary Life Enrichment Center, 1418 K St., Randy N. 372-8719.**
- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**—McKinley Park Group, Room A. Tues 8pm. 601 Alhambra Blvd. 454-1100.
- **Lambda Group, St. Joseph's Hall, S. Church & Chapel St., Grass Valley. Tues, 7pm., Non-smoking.**
- **North Hall Group: MCC, 2741-34th St.: Mon. 8pm; Tue. 6pm - Women; Wed. 6pm and 8pm - no smoking; Thu. 8pm; Fri. 8pm and 10pm; Sat. 8pm; Sun. 6pm - Men's and 8pm.**
- **BARBARY COAST BOATING CLUB**—Sac Delta, SF Bay. 847 Oak St., San Francisco 94117. (415) 255-1049 or (916) 972-9317.
- **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**—For parents and adult siblings of persons who have died of ARC or AIDS. Thursdays 7pm, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 4641 Marconi Avenue, Fireside Room, 483-5691 or 456-9642.
- **CAPITAL CITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB**—Beginners: Tue., 6:30-8pm., William Land School, 12th and V St. Plus 8-9:30pm, George Fox 447-2271.
- **DISCOVER SACRAMENTO HOTLINE**—449-5566.
- **FLAGS**—the Foothill Lesbian and Gay Society, monthly potluck 2nd Saturday of each month. Write P.O. Box 4982, Auburn 95604.
- **FREE BBS SERVICES**—Computer service for men, 2620 Hazel Ave., F.O. 95628. Acropolis..... 967-5817. Parthenon..... 443-8851, 927-2702.
- **24 HOUR**—300/1200/2400 baud. Questions regarding equipment needs or utilization of the systems should be directed to Will Bennett at 966-5678(voice).
- **GAY & LESBIAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIF. EMPLOYEES**—John Bennett, 457-3634.
- **GAY FATHERS OF SAC**—2nd Sun. potluck/discussion, 456-3237.
- **GAYS OF YOLO COUNTY (GOYC)**—P.O. Box 62, Woodland 95695. Bud 1-662-5452.
- **G.G.N.I.E.**—Box 160636, 95816. 1st Tue., Faces, 7:30pm. Last Tues., Bd. Mtg. 447-0345, 927-9540.
- **LANDLORD/TENANT PROBLEMS**—Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission's Landlord-tenant line, 444-0178. 2131 Capitol Ave, Ste. 206.
- **LAMBDA COMMUNITY FUND**—Box 163654, 95816. Jerry 381-3115. 442-0185.
- **NATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN CRISISLINE**—1-800-SOS-GAYS or 1-800-767-4297.
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- **OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY**, Sonny, John, 925-4667.
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- **PEOPLE TOGETHER**—spiritual, social support group for HIV positive, ARC/AIDS, and any other catastrophic diseases, including relatives, lovers, friends; meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., 815 W St. Dan O'Shaughnessy, MCC, 454-4762.
- **PET LOSS**—752-4200.
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- **SACRAMENTO AID TO AIDS**—Needs volunteers in fundraising for Hand-to-Hand Project. Joe P. Garrett, P.O. Box 255773, Sac 95865, 929-3417.
- **SAC ATHLETIC GAMES ASSOC.**—(SAGA III Team Sacramento) Board meeting quarterly, 1st Thurs. 7pm. 443-6440. COORDINATORS: Women's Sports 443-6432. Men's Sports 451-5996. Basketball (w) 455-4473. Basketball (m) 455-4991. Billiards (w) 753-5488. Billiards (m) 372-6404. Bowling (w) 457-9316. Bowling (m) 485-0121 or 635-1535. Canoeing (m/w) 381-3380. Cycling (m/w) 381-3380. Golf (m/w) 443-6440 or 442-8879. Marathon 927-9157. Physique 427-2688 or 443-6440. Powerlifting (m/w) 624-0166. Racquetball (m/w) 457-4943. Soccer 446-6870. Women's Soccer 444-5868. Softball (w) 929-2873. Softball (m) 451-5996. Swimming (w) 454-3142. Swimming (m) 442-4340. Tennis (m/w) 456-6013/386-2127. Track & Field (m/w) 455-0986. Triathlon (m/w) 381-3380. Volleyball (w) 487-4155. Volleyball (m) 442-4641. Wrestling (m) 451-5152.
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- **SAN JOAQUIN AIDS FOUNDATION**—4410 North Pershing Ave, Suite C-5, Stockton, 95207. (209) 476-8533.
- **VALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.**—Box 8163, 95818, 455-6540.
- **YOLO HOSPICE OUTREACH OFFICE**—110 6th St., Broderick, 95605, Judy Pressmar, 758-5566, 372-5863, 1-666-3774.

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- **LEATHER AND LACE**—Motorcycle Club. Box 163044, 95816, 452-7467.
- **LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECT**—1370 Mission St., SF 94103. Public interest law firm.
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- **WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE**—of Sutter Community Hospital, 733-3000.
- **WOMEN'S STRESS ALTERNATIVES**—448-2951.
- **YWCA**—1122-17th St., 95814. 442-4741.

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Women

- **BOUND & DETERMINED**—Box 5014, 95817. Woman-to-woman S/M support group.
- **CAMPING WOMEN**—Sac Chapter, Gail 689-9326. Camille 662-0460, Box 13261, 95813.
- **CSUS WOMEN'S CENTER**—6000 'J' St., 95819. 278-7388.
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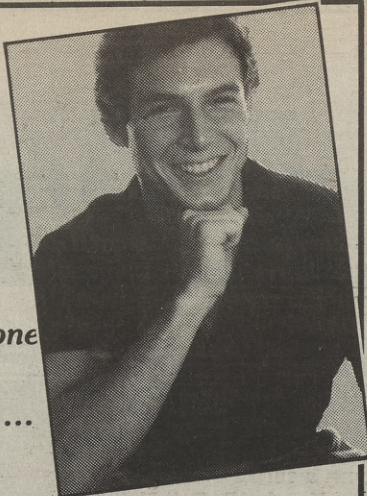


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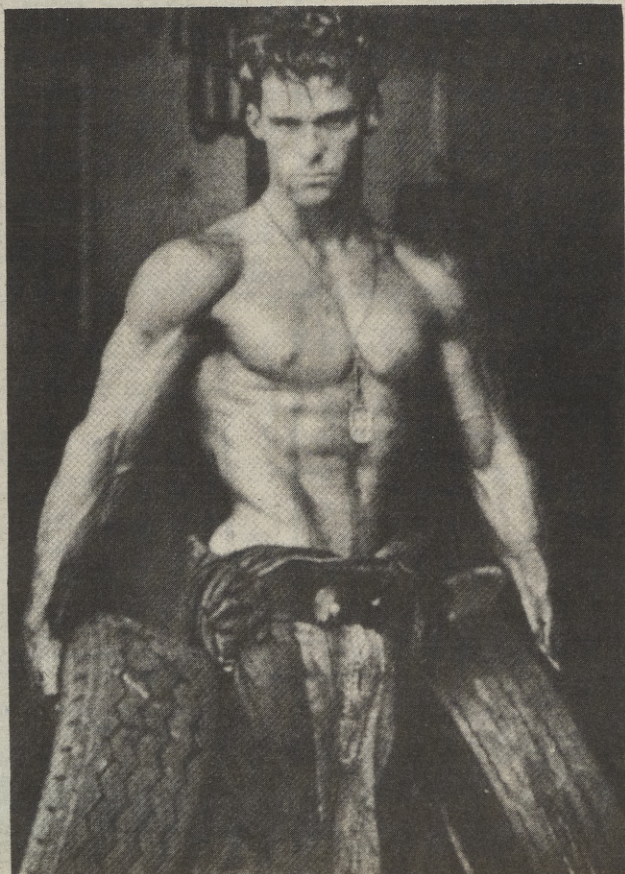
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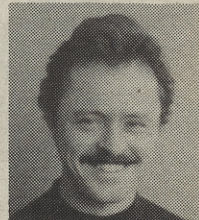
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by John Batchelor
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For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.

Our winter hiatus is almost behind us. Let's cross our fingers for a bit more of that cherished rain. Rain or shine, the Sacramento community has a wealth of opportunities for all to share. ● **FM 102** is on the right track. The "morning zoo" disc jockeys encouraged listeners to call Assemblyman **Gil Ferguson's** office to protest his recent remarks against gays. A few weeks later, the deejays composed a song entitled, "Bye Bye Andy." The musical piece was in reference to **Andy Rooney's** negative comments on gays and blacks. And most recently they announced that the **Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF)** was handing out condoms at the Capitol. All of this is certainly commendable. Our efforts in the **FM 106** fiasco have made a difference at the other radio stations in town. ● **Attended "Men Behind Bars,"** the bartenders folly, in San Francisco recently. By the time the show was over the entire audience was cheering and standing. One of my favorite numbers was "Can Can!" The **Follies Men** took my breath away. ● In the last **MGW Flash** column, there are a series of pictures by **Sonya Cox**. However **Sonya** herself is in one of the pictures. That's some mighty clever photography! ● Congratulations to **Angela Saldivia** and **Vicki Pfingst** on their new business **Help the Sale** and also to **Andrew Charles Carhartt** with **Pacific Edits Plus**. ● Didn't you always wonder who invented **Velcro** and for what purpose? **Velcro** was invented in 1948 by a Swiss engineer, **George de Mestral**. The nylon product is fashioned after the cockleburrs that stick to your socks after a walk in the woods!! We were sure you needed to know this!! ● Do you believe **Pillars** sent me a "gossip" press release! My column is an "information" column. In any case **Pillars** celebrates St. Patrick's Day on March 9 (not wearing green may be dangerous to your derriere) and March 23 brings out **Vannah and Company for Squal of Fortune**. ● March is **Women's History Month**. Numerous events are going on all over town. Check our calendar for more details. ● **SACWN** celebrates **Women's History Month** with a program at the **Clarion Hotel** on March 16. Early reservations are encouraged! ● Share an evening with award winning poet, **Adrienne Rich** on

March 14 at the **Unitarian Universalist Society**. Rich is one of America's foremost poets and a longtime lesbian feminist activist. Tickets are available at the **Lambda Center** and **Lioness Books**. ● The seventh annual **Blisters for Sisters** fun run and walk-a-thon is March 11. This year the event benefits the **Sacramento Women's Center**, **Chemical Dependency Center for Women**, **Sacramento City College Re-entry Services** and the **Birthing Project**. ● **Jeanne Andrew** of the **National Organization for Women (NOW)** is pleased to see the postal service featuring two feminine heroines. Two new stamps are available: **Ida B. Wells** celebrating black heritage and a **South Dakota Statehood** stamp showing a woman in front of a sod hut. Ask for them. ● For those of you planning a bit of socializing in March, the bar scene is alive and well. ● **Joseph's Town & Country (JTC)** is looking better all the time. This vast and unique complex has a new color scheme with more changes to come. And don't miss the **15th Anniversary Camp Awards** on March 17. ● **Faces** is still all the rage with something for everyone on every night of the week. ● The **Wreck Room** offers a **Fantasy Beer Bash** (dress as your favorite fantasy illusion) on March 3 and the **Leather Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest** on March 16. ● The **Mercantile Saloon** hosts a "Tacky Pajama Party," a benefit to bring the **NAMES Project Quilt** to Sacramento on March 18 in the afternoon. ● The **Attic Feed & Fuel** restaurant (formerly "Part-

ners") will host and offer a free lunch at the **River City Democratic Club's (RCDC)** "Talk With Us" open forum on March 3. Call 927-2029 to make a reservation. ● The **Buffalo Club** continues its pool leagues and dancing in the side room's cabaret setting. ● The **Town House** will soon offer dining seven days a week. And check out the bulletin board and newspaper stands on the lower level in the "back" room. ● **Happy March Birthdays** to **Ron Gray, Shirley Kammeyer, Pica, Ron Richmond** and **Wayne Wintman**. ● The **Healthy Living Series** at **SAFE** continues with **Healthwatch: Update on HIV Treatments** with **Neil Flynn, M.D.**, on March 15. The next

Buddy Connection/90, safe sex workshop is March 10. And **Heart to Heart** support group continues on Tuesday evenings. ● The **Saga III** swim team, the **Sacramento Sea Serpents** will look dashing and wet at the upcoming **Gay Games** in Vancouver. **David Lyons** informs me that the team's swim suits are oh so flattering. Stay tuned for future fundraisers. ● The **Lambda Players of Sacramento** continue their theatre season with a series of one-acts opening March 17. Call **Neil Treganza** at the **Lambda Center** for all the details. ● For a bit of unusual arty gifts stop by **Charles Miller's Intrigues** at 1020 10th Street at **Michael Himovitz's Art Gallery**. ● Two

businesses in midtown have switched locations! **Crossings** is now at 2502 J Street and **Persuasion Books** at 2408 J Street (below Fleet Feet). ● Finally — I've worked out a **Ballroom & Western Dance Class** series.

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The classes will run on Tuesdays or Fridays starting March 20. Call me at 453-8991 for more details. ● Until mid-month, stay tuned and involved in your community. Mark **March 12 and 13** in bold print to attend the **Candlelight Vigil** and **Noon Rally** to oppose the TVC's presence in Sacramento.

—John ■

Newspapers Available at Lambda Center

Lambda Community Center's entry hall contains newstands for gay publications **Mom Guess What** newspaper, **The Latest Issue**, **Positive Social Support Newsletter**, **The Sentinel**, **BLK** and **The Suttersown News**, a progressive straight weekly newspaper.

A number of community organizations also use the literature racks to promote their programs.

The Center's library has single copies of gay and lesbian periodicals from around the country available for review. (MGW also has monthly worldwide publications.)

The **Lambda Community Center** is located at 1931 L St. at 20th with weekday hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is open until midnight on Fridays. ■

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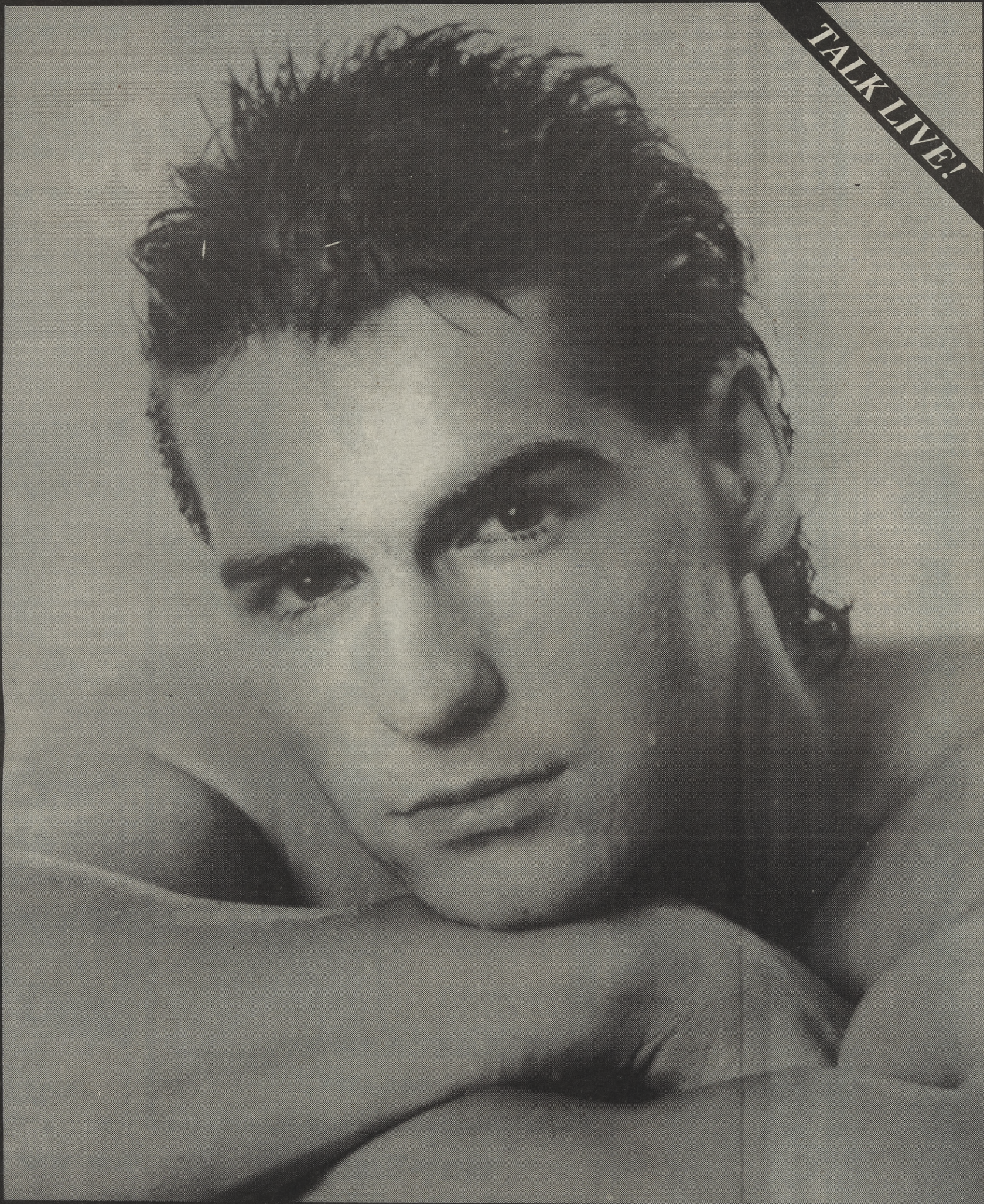
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